

CHILDREN AND ADULT EDUCATION – DIAGRAMS

EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN



Preschool (age 0-5) – childcare, playgroups, kindergarten

- **Childcare** – private, community, family or in-home for children aged over 6 weeks. Costs range from \$6 an hour to \$185 a day.
- **Playgroups** – regular group where parents bring young children to play and socialise together. Cost is free or up to \$10 per session.
- **Kindergarten** – free preschool program for 15 hours a week for 3 and 4 year olds. Three year olds kindergarten is available in certain areas in 2020 and across Victoria from 2022. Children can attend more hours by paying fees.

Primary school – “Prep” and Year 1-6 (age 5 - 12)

Secondary school - Year 7-12 (age 12-20), Year 10-12 is also called **Senior Secondary** or **College**

P-9 (Prep to Year 9), **P-12** (Prep to Year 12), **K-9** (Kindergarten to Year 9) or **K-12** (Kindergarten to Year 12) **colleges**.

School time: usually Monday-Friday 9.00 am – 3.00 pm or 3.30 pm at some school.



English as an Additional Language (EAL) & English Language Centre (ELC)

- Support for students from non-English speaking and/or refugee background
- EAL is a comprehensive support while students are at school
- ELC is intensive English language classes before students start mainstream school

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EDUCATION FOR ADULTS



AMEP (Adult Migrant English Program)

- 510 hours free English class for eligible new arrivals to Australia
- Different providers across Melbourne and Bendigo, for example Melbourne Polytechnic, Bendigo TAFE etc



University & College

- University offers wider fields of study while College specialises in specific studies.
- Undergraduate and post graduate courses



Vocational education

- Also known as TAFE (Technical and Further Education)
- Provide training to prepare for employment in different industries.
- Different providers across Victoria, for example Chisholm, Kangan, Gordon TAFE etc