

# 2010 Early Childhood Community Profile

## Summary sheet for the City of Manningham

### Local demographics for young children aged 0 to 8 years and their families.<sup>1</sup>

- There were 1,122 births notified to the local Maternal and Child Health services in Manningham during 2008-09. This represents a decrease of 3.2 per cent since 2006-07 and a decrease of 1.3 per cent since 2000-01. This compares to an increase in birth notifications across Victoria of 2.3 per cent since 2006-07 and 18.6 per cent since 2000-01.
- At 30 June 2008, there was an estimated 116,983 people residing in Manningham. Of these, 11,045 were aged between 0 to 8 years, representing 9.4 per cent of Manningham's total population.
- The population aged 0 to 8 years in Manningham is projected to increase by 0.5 per cent by 2026, while the total population in Manningham is expected to increase by 11.5 per cent over this period.
- Using the Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage, Manningham was ranked 76 out of 79 LGAs in Victoria. A rank of 1 was assigned to the most disadvantaged LGA in Victoria.
- Of the 6,639 families with children aged between 0 and 8 years in Manningham, 90.2 per cent were couple families and 9.8 per cent were one parent families.
- There were 116 Aboriginal persons in Manningham, representing 0.1 per cent of the total population. 12.9 per cent of the Aboriginal population in Manningham were aged 0 to 8 years.

### Health, learning, wellbeing, development and safety indicators for children in the local area.<sup>2</sup>

- 56.8 per cent of infants in Manningham were fully breastfed at 3 months and 43.9 per cent of infants were fully breastfed at 6 months.
- 91.4 per cent of children in Manningham were fully immunised at 12-<15 months, 90.8 per cent were fully immunised at 24-<27 months and 86.5 per cent were fully immunised at 60-<63 months.
- 1,237 Prep children were surveyed in the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) in Manningham during 2009. Of these, 14.2 per cent were vulnerable on one or more domains and 5.6 per cent were vulnerable on two or more domains.
- In 2008, 90.9% students enrolled in government schools in Manningham were achieving a reading accuracy score of 90% or more on Level 5 texts, 94.2% of Year 1 students were reading Level 15 texts with over 90% accuracy and 98.5% of Year 2 students were achieving 90% accuracy or higher on Level 20 texts.

### Families in Manningham.

- Based on the 2009 VCHWS survey results, 49.1% of children aged 6 months to 12 years were reported to have been read to almost every day in the Eastern Metropolitan region. This was more than, but not significantly different to the proportion of children being read to almost every day across Victoria (48.3%).
- Based on the 2009 VCHWS, 2.2% of main carer's of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Eastern Metropolitan region were classified as being of high risk of psychological distress. This proportion was lower, but not significantly different to that reported across Victoria (3.7%).
- In 2008 - 2009, 48 substantiated cases of child abuse were recorded in Manningham, representing a rate of 4.3 per 1,000 children aged 0 to 8 years in the area. This compares to a rate of 7.0 per 1000 children across Victoria.
- Over 2007 - 2008, the number of families with children aged 0 to 8 years in Manningham who remained in public housing 12 months or more after initial allocation was suppressed due to small numbers.



### Indicators relating to the local community.<sup>3</sup>

- 96.4% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Eastern Metropolitan region were from households who reported being able to get support from friends, family and neighbours in times of crisis/need. This proportion was higher than, but not significantly different to the proportion reported across Victoria (95.2%).
- 97.4% of parents of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Eastern Metropolitan region reported that having someone they could turn to for advice when having problems. This proportion was similar to the proportion reported across Victoria (97.1%).
- 98.1% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Eastern Metropolitan region were from households where the parent or guardian agreed that their neighbourhood was safe. This proportion was significantly higher than the proportion reported across Victoria (95.1%).

### Supports and services in Manningham.

- Due to small numbers of hospital separations for gastroenteritis among children aged 0 to 8 in Manningham, the rate of hospital separations for gastroenteritis during 2008 - 2009 could not be derived. During 2008 - 2009, there were 7.2 hospital separations for gastroenteritis per 1,000 children aged 0 to 1 in the broader Eastern
- In 2008 - 2009, 100.5 per cent of infants in Manningham received a home consultation visit and 60.4 per cent of children in Manningham attended the 3.5 year key ages and stages visit.
- The kindergarten participation rate in Manningham during 2009 was 96.0%. This was greater than the kindergarten participation rate in Victoria (92.7%).
- Prep students attending government schools in Manningham were absent for an average 13.7 days over the 2009 school year. Year 1 students were absent for an average 13.9 days and Year 2 students were absent for an average 12.7 days over the 2009 school year.

### Early childhood services for families in Manningham.

- As at August 2010, there were 23 primary school education providers in Manningham - 15 government, 7 Catholic and 1 independent.
- In 2009, there were 41 funded kindergarten programs in Manningham. Of these, 15 were kindergarten programs located within a long day care setting.
- As at 22 July 2010, Manningham had 1 multi-service Children's Centres completed or under development, funded by state and local government. These were:

#### *Name of Children's Centre*

Doncaster Hill Civic Precinct Community Hub

#### *Status*

In planning stage