

What's Happening

Prep to Year 2

Preparing today's students for *tomorrow*

It might seem unrealistic now, but in the not-too-distant future positions like this will be a reality. Victorian schools are partnering with parents to ensure every child is prepared for the jobs of the future.

The **What's Happening** series helps you to learn more about how it's being done.

During the first years of school, your child is encouraged to make sense of the world around them through real-life experiences. When they start school, they will develop more independence, as well as enhance their academic, physical and social skills.

During the first years in primary schools, teachers are focused on a safe and happy environment where students are valued, praised and encouraged. Teachers work to support your child to learn.

In the classroom

The curriculum focuses on developing basic knowledge and skills in English and maths, as well as basic physical and social capabilities which form the basis for all future learning. Students are encouraged to express themselves and extend their thinking through the Arts.

Varied activities and a vibrant classroom are important for your growing child. It is here that your child can develop positive attitudes to learning, foster friendships and learn to work with others.

During this stage, your child will become more aware of their local community.

Wanted:

Hover Train Designer



Students at this stage

- develop basic literacy and numeracy skills
- develop basic motor and movement skills
- learn to work together in class
- participate in physical activities that build their potential
- express ideas and feelings through artwork

What you can do

- talk to your child about their day. Ask them "What was your favourite part of school today?" "What did you find the most interesting today?"
- read books with your child, point out words on signs, and generally help them to enjoy reading
- talk to your children about the topics, themes and areas currently covered in the classroom
- speak with your school to learn how they will be covering the curriculum for your child as each school tailors this to meet the needs of your child and their peers.

It is important to remember that each child is different; some may find parts of their learning program more challenging than others.

Speak with your school if you have any questions about what your child is learning and how they are progressing.

To see how your child is being prepared for their future, visit education.vic.gov.au/futureready