



Save the Children

Snapshot of our work in **Victoria**

We want every child to have the chance to fulfil their dreams. Children should be proud of who they are, where they come from and what they aspire to be.



Young people are ambitious. They're creative, brave and full of bright ideas. When they know they have their families, their teachers and their communities to back them, there's no limit to what they can achieve.

Our work is focused on making sure children and young people are engaged in education and learning, that families provide positive, safe and nurturing home environments, and that communities are strong, safe and supportive.

Working together with our partners and our supporters, our work is designed to make sure no child anywhere misses out. And that all children and young people have everything they need to be the best they can be.

Our work in Victoria

Save the Children has been working in Victoria as a trusted support for children and families for nearly 70 years. From isolated pockets of regional Victoria to the bustling city streets, our programs are tailored to give all children the opportunity to learn and to feel safe and supported.

Our work is focused on the children and young people facing the greatest risks and barriers, often overlooked by universal or mainstream services. We work together with communities to make sure families have access to the services they need and we work alongside families new to the country to help them settle in. Our supported playgroups and early learning programs enjoy a strong reputation for their supportive environments and as a place where the little ones can play, learn and grow together.

Through the work of over 90 staff and with the support of our dedicated volunteers, we have made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children and their families throughout Victoria.

Our work in Victoria

Newly arrived families

Starting a new life in a country with different customs and a different language is daunting for anyone. It's even more complex for newly arrived migrant and refugee families who are often still processing the experiences that caused them to leave their home countries in the first place. In Inner Melbourne, the It Takes a Village programs support children, young people and families from newly arrived or refugee backgrounds and helps them settle into their new community, through playgroups, a reading club, an adventure playground and support to connect with other services.



Young children

The early years of a child's life are so important for their development, so in Nowa Nowa and many other locations across the state we run kindergartens and playgroups to give young children the opportunity to grow and develop through safe and supported play. Our playgroups also provide parents with support, by connecting them with other services and building their strengths and confidence.



Mums, dads and carers

Our programs also support parents and communities, to help them create the best environment for their kids to grow up in. In East Gippsland, we run Volunteer Family Connect, a home-visiting program for parents with small children. Volunteers listen, provide moral support and offer friendship when families need an extra pair of helping hands. Our supported playgroups and early learning programs also help connect parents to other service providers if and when they need them.



Young people

Everyone learns in a different way, so when the traditional curriculum isn't working for children and young people, we offer alternatives to keep them engaged. Across Victoria, our Hands On Learning programs give kids practical lessons run by artisan teachers, while our Mobile Youth Van uses music, digital media and sport to reach kids who live in remote communities. It's so important, because education can unlock a child's potential and give them the confidence to pursue their dreams!

Contact us to learn about our
complete suite of programs in Victoria.

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