WARRNAMBOOL
CITY COUNCIL

Vacation Care Program

September/October Vacation Care 2026

Monday 21st September – Friday 2nd October 2026

Enrolments open: Monday 7th September 2026

Welcome

The **Warrnambool City Council Vacation Care Program** is designed to provide quality care and recreational activities to **Primary School children** during the school holidays.

The program is designed specifically to offer a flexible range of activities that are age appropriate, and encourage children to participate in each activity to develop specific creative, developmental and movement skills.

• Movies shown during the program will be rated G or PG only.

Nut Free Zone

Parents are reminded not to send any foods containing nuts or nut based products.

Key Information

- **Quality Care adhering to the National Quality Framework**
- **Primary School aged Children**
- **Active, fun filled days**
- **Open 8am - 6pm**
- **Cost: $96.40 per day (Full Fee)***
- **Service Mobile 0400 928 454**

Additional fees apply on excursion days.

WARRNAMBOOL STADIUM

Enrolment and Bookings

To enroll, please register via the **Vacation Care enrolment application** which can be found at *https://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au*

You can also download the Xap Smile app on your phone for easy access to your Vacation Care account.

To arrange your booking please submit the Vacation Care booking form to oshc@warrnambool.vic.gov.au
Booking forms are updated for each individual holiday period and are available on the Council website during our (below) booking weeks.

CCS - Child Care Subsidy

Available to eligible families to assist in reducing the cost of child care.

Please note: CCS will not be paid for any booked days when your child *hasn't yet physically attended the service for the first time.* CCS will not be paid for any days *after your child's last physical attendance.*

Program Operations

Program operates **8.00am - 6.00pm**

Activities take place within the grounds of Warrnambool Stadium, and in the community during excursions.

Cost - $96.40 per day (full fee) *

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Policy and Procedures

The service has a policy manual that guides all program operations. A summary of this information is available in the family handbook, you may collect a copy at the office. If you would like more detailed information, the complete Policy Manual is available at the program for your perusal.

Cancellation Policy

In event of cancellation of a Vacation Care booking, credit for the cancelled days is only available if the position/s can be filled from the waiting list, for a period of two weeks from the cancellation date. Credit for absence due to illness is only available on presentation of a medical certificate.

Additional Needs

Warrnambool Vacation Care services are dedicated to offering a service that is inclusive of all children and families.

If you, or your child have any additional needs and require assistance or support to access the program, please contact us at oshc@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

General Information

- All children must be accompanied to the service and **signed in and out** everyday.
- **Medication** (including Asthma relievers) must be given to the **Educators** on arrival and a authorisation form completed.
- No medication is to be left in your child's bag under any circumstances.
- **Please remember** to pack a sun hat and water bottle each day.
- **Lunch orders** are available most days unless otherwise specified.
- On **excursion days** children must be at the Stadium by 9:30am unless advised otherwise.

Children's Behaviour

Behaviour that is aggressive, rude, disrespectful, unsafe or socially inappropriate will not be tolerated at Vacation Care, as it is detrimental to the experience of others in the program.

If a child behaves inappropriately the matter will be documented and discussed with the parent/guardian. The child care booking may be reviewed and, at the discretion of the Educator Team and Management, cancelled if necessary.

Compulsory Bucket hat & Drink Bottle each day

*CCS DOES NOT APPLY TO EXCURSION FEES.
*Please note: Program may be subject to change without notice.

Vacation Care is a BULLY FREE ZONE

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Easter Vacation Care 2026
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BOOKINGS COMMENCE AT WARRNAMBOOL STADIUM
MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026, 9AM – 5PM OR BY EMAIL
OSHC@WARRNAMBOOL.VIC.GOV.AU FULL FEE $96.40 PER DAY

Monday 21st September — ONCE UPON A VACATION CARE DAY

**Step into the wonderful world of Disney! Dress up as your favourite Disney character, from brave princesses and heroic marvels, to classic favourites like Mickey and Minnie. It is going to be a day filled with imagination, laughter, and fairy-tale fun as we bring the magic of Disney to life!

Tuesday 22nd September — THE GREAT MESS FEST!

Today we will stretch, mix, and mould incredible sensory toys from scratch. It is the ultimate hands-on workshop where curious kids can unleash their creativity, conduct wild experiments, and take home custom-made tactile creations.

Wednesday 23rd September — WOOD WORKSHOP

Get ready to roll up your sleeves for a hands-on adventure entirely dedicated to the wonder of wood. From raw timber to finished masterpieces, this day is all about designing, building, and making things from scratch.

Thursday 24th September — HIGHFLYERS & HANDBALL HEROES

Dust off your team jerseys and lace up your sneakers because we are kicking off the ultimate AFL Footy Day this school holidays! Come dressed head-to-toe in your favourite team colours to tackle a day packed with grand final-worthy action and team spirit. Meat Pie available $4, **NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE

Friday 25th September — AFL GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Program Closed

Monday 28th September — YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY!

Today is all about choice, creativity, and connection. Select art and craft materials for custom creations, high-energy group games, or quiet activities. Take the lead by deciding exactly how today's adventure unfolds.

Tuesday 29th September — GREEN THUMB GATHERING

Come and celebrate your love of nature with a hands-on celebration of all things botanical! Whether you want to attract wildlife to your yard, or bring the outdoors inside, we have creative projects for plant lovers of all ages.

Wednesday 30th September — WILD & WONDERFUL 'W'

We're wrapping ourselves in the world of W with a day full of wonder, wellbeing, wisdom, whimsy, warmth, winning attitudes and wide smiles. Watch as we work, weave, wander and welcome new adventures together!

Thursday 1st October — THE BIG CHILL

Brace yourselves! Let's celebrate everything cool, crisp, and frosty about the winter season. Today will be the perfect winter escape to spark imagination and create lasting holiday memories.

Friday 2nd October — RISE, SHINE & BUST A MOVE

**Get ready to dance in your dreams at our ultimate Vacation Care PJ and Disco Day! Leave the morning rush behind and come dressed straight from bed in your absolute comfiest pyjamas. It is going to be a high-energy day full of music & games you won't want to miss.

** Designates dress-up day

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Warrnambool Stadium, Caramut Road

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