



# NOBLE PARK PS

February 2026

## Noble Park Primary School - Vision

**We aspire to create an inclusive school community that embraces opportunity, and inspires individuals to collaborate, learn and achieve.**

### Noble Park Primary School - Values

<b>Be Responsible</b>	We own our choices and our behaviour.
<b>Be Safe</b>	We look after each other through the choices we make.
<b>Be Respectful</b>	We accept each other for who we are.
<b>Be Kind</b>	We use our words and actions to show we care.



### What a great start to the 2026 school year!

Thank you to our school community and dedicated staff who have worked collaboratively to ensure a safe and inclusive learning environment is provided to our students each and every day. By visiting classrooms, it has been great to see our students back, ready to learn, grow, and make new memories. 2026 will be filled with exciting opportunities, new friendships, and lots of learning. Our dedicated staff are here to support and inspire every student to reach their full potential.

Over the holidays there has been lots of activity! New furniture was delivered to the Middle Learning House, and the Senior Learning House was painted and new carpet was installed. Our Administration Team also came in early to ensure processes were in place for a smooth transition into the new school year.

It is also important to acknowledge the support of our Noble Park Primary School families through their financial contributions, as part of your annual payments. We are lucky that the Government funds many opportunities for our students but please know that your contributions also assist us to run this school the best way that we can.

### Ambulance Cover

Schools do not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/carers of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance and any other transport costs.



### COMMUNITY NEWS



### Foodbank Community Pantry

Every Friday morning from 9am – 11am, parents/carers are invited to attend our Foodbank Community Pantry. If you would like further information about this program, please contact Kate on 9546 8811.



## Be Responsible – Values Celebration

The **Be Responsible Values Celebration** was a great success! Parents, carers, grandparents and other family members attended and participated in activities on the oval. It was great to see the smiling faces of our students and families, while they played games and shared fruit.



## Setting Up for Success

When visiting learning houses it has been fantastic to see students actively participating in the *Setting Up for Success* program. By engaging in a variety of authentic learning opportunities the students were explicitly taught social and emotional skills. Re-establishing routines and setting high expectations from the commencement of the school year, ensures that a safe and inclusive learning environment is embedded across the school.



The Noble Park Primary School Matrix of Expectations has been used to support these learning opportunities. Every week, one of the expected behaviours from the *Matrix of Expectations* is selected as a focus across the school. To support student success, positive affirmations are provided when students demonstrate these behaviours.

Strategies from Department of Education initiatives such as the *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program* and the *School Wide Positive Support Framework*, are embedded throughout the *Setting Up for Success Program*. This ensures that the school community works collaboratively to develop a safe and supportive learning culture.

## 2026 Consent Forms



As we have transitioned from Sentral to Compass, our **2026 Consent Forms** are now digital! Please ensure that the 2026 Consent Forms for your child are completed via Compass by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

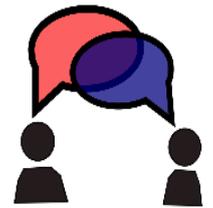
The 2026 Consent Forms are:

- 2026 Breakfast Club Consent Form
- 2026 Class Snack Consent Form
- 2026 Kitchen Garden Program Consent Form (MLH students only)
- 2026 Local Area Excursion Consent Form
- 2026 Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Consent Form
- 2026 Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

If required, assistance will be provided at **Get to Know You Interviews** on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2026.

## Get to Know You Interviews

Parents and carers will be invited to meet with their child's teacher for a 10 minute conversation. This conversation will provide an opportunity for you to:



- Share information about your child so that the teacher has a comprehensive understanding of their individual needs and/or circumstances
- Assist the teacher in identifying the personal/social needs of your child
- Ask any questions that you may have regarding the school's programs and curriculum

As these interviews will occur early in the term it is important to understand that the purpose of this conversation is for the teacher to become familiar with your child and family. On this occasion the teacher will not be reporting on your child's academic progress.

## 2026 School Council

It is that time of year when we form our School Council. Nominations will be open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February to select members for the next 2 years. Our School Council constitution allows for the 4 parent representatives and 3 school employee representatives and 2 community representatives.

In 2026, we have 2 parent representative positions, 1 school employee representative position and 1 community representative position open for election.

The school council members whose term is up are as follows:

- Parent Representative: Nerida Jones
- School Employee Representative: Lan Timewell

# Please note that if these members would like to continue on School Council they must renominate.

If you are interested in self-nominating or nominating another person for an elected position on School Council, please collect a form from the office. **Nominations close on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**



### **Sharing our Love of Learning in Foundation**

Foundation students have had a great start of the year. Starting Foundation is an exciting time for our students. Children feel safe and confident at school, when they have clear and simple routines. We are teaching students daily routines such as morning greetings, unpacking bags, and tidy-up time which help students know what to expect and setting them up for success. We use Little Learners Love Literacy to support early reading and writing skills. Students use mini whiteboards to practise sounds and words,

following the routine “write it, chin it, bin it, park it.”

This week we have been focusing on the letter M, m, with children practising the /m/ sound and learning to write the letter using mini whiteboards, hands-on activities such tracing in the air with our finger and playdough. The students are engaging in developmental activities such as games, group tasks, and play-based learning to learn sharing, taking turns, and being responsible. These consistent routines and support assist children to build positive relationships and settle confidently into school life.

### **Upcoming Respectful Relationships Learning in Foundation**

In our upcoming Respectful Relationships lesson, Foundation students will take part in a fun, movement-based activity called the Emotions Echo Game. Children will listen, copy actions and say emotion words together as they explore feelings such as happy, sad, excited and nervous. Using their bodies to show emotions helps young children understand that feelings can be expressed in different ways, not just with words.



This lesson supports Foundation students to begin building emotional understanding in a safe and supportive environment. We will reassure children that it is okay to feel unsure or to find emotions tricky to name, and that everyone experiences feelings differently. Visual supports, simple language and lots of encouragement will be used to help all children participate. Learning about emotions in this way helps children develop empathy, communication skills and positive relationships with others.



### **Summer Interschool Sports**

The year 5/6 students are invited to participate in the 2026 Summer Interschool sports competition every Thursday from the 19<sup>th</sup> of February until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2026. The students will be competing against neighbouring schools in one of the following sports, Volleyball, Basketball, Hotshot Tennis, Cricket or Softball. Further information regarding the Summer Interschool Sports program will be provided via Compass very soon!

## DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT!



### SunSmart Reminders

Just a reminder that all students and staff are expected to wear a broad brimmed hat during any outside activities from the beginning of Term Four until the end of April. Noble Park Primary School encourages all staff and students to apply SPF50 or SPF50+ broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen daily whenever UV levels reach 3 or above. Sunscreen should be applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours (or more frequently if sweating or swimming).

### Supervision

Noble Park Primary School's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:30am until 3:45pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

Before school, the front gate will be opened at 8:30am and a staff member will be available for supervision at the front of the school. This is at the Buckley Street entrance. Students are to remain at the front of the school from 8:30am and 8:45am.

The back gate on Leonard Avenue will be opened at 8:45am and a staff member will be available for supervision at the back of the school. Students are permitted to play on the back basketball courts. The oval and playgrounds are out of bounds before 9:00am. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:30am and all students, parents and carers are welcome.

### Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#). Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy](#) describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365 please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in eleven community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

### 2026 Victorian School Term Dates

**Term 1:** 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January (Teachers) / 29<sup>th</sup> January (Students) to 2 April

**Term 2:** 20 April to 26 June

**Term 3:** 13 July to 18 September

**Term 4:** 5 October to 18 December

### 2026 Noble Park Primary School Student Free Days (no school for students)

**Term 1:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Term 2:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Term 3 & 4:** To be confirmed