



# Dillbadin

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing through learning*



## From our Principal

*Penelope Harris*

We've had a great week at school, filled with energy, learning, and engagement. Our recent Curriculum Day was a valuable opportunity for staff to deepen their understanding of effective mathematics teaching, and we're already seeing that learning reflected in classrooms.

It's been wonderful to see students happy, focused, and engaged across all areas of their learning. The positive atmosphere across the school is a real credit to our students, staff, and community.

## Happy Mother's Day

We extend our warmest wishes for a very happy Mother's Day for Sunday to all the special and significant women in our students' lives. Whether you're a mum, grandmother, carer, aunty, or family friend—your love, guidance, and support make a lasting difference, and we celebrate you today and every day.



## Special Lunch

Next week our special lunch is PIZZA!!! Please bring your money in by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May to ensure you get your pizza, a sweet treat and a juice box.

## Thank You – Mother’s (and Special Person’s) Day Celebrations

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who supported our Mother’s/Special Person’s Day Stall—your contributions helped make it a special experience for the students.

We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for the Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and we hope you enjoyed your Devonshire tea and a cuppa as much as we enjoyed hosting you.

Your involvement truly helps strengthen our school community, and we’re grateful for your ongoing support.

## Grandparents & Special Persons Classroom Visit – Monday 12th May

Following the wonderful turnout and engagement at our Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea, we’re excited to welcome families back to school for another special event.

On Monday 12th May at 2:30pm, we will be opening our classrooms to grandparents or special people in your child’s life. This is a lovely opportunity for our visitors to see what learning looks like at school and spend some time in the classroom environment.

We look forward to celebrating the important role these special people play in our students’ lives. We hope you can join us!

## School tours

Dillbadin PS warmly invites prospective parents to join school tours from Monday, 5th May to Friday, 9th May (excluding Wednesday). Tours begin at 9:30am—please meet at the school office, located at 25 Tormore Road, Boronia. This is an excellent opportunity to see learning in action and discover the exceptional educational experiences our school provides.

Please spread the word!



## Reminder: Shop Local – Support Boronia!

Don’t forget—we’re still collecting receipts for the **Shop Local – Support Boronia** campaign! Simply drop receipts from any Boronia small business into the collection box at school and help us be in the running to win **\$2000** for our school.

Every little bit counts, whether it’s a coffee, a meal, a haircut, or groceries—so please remember to **save your receipts and send them in.**

Let’s keep supporting our local businesses and working together for our school community!

## Library Visits – A Quick Reminder!

A reminder that our wonderful partnership with Boronia Library is continuing! Each fortnight, students walk to the library to take part in a dedicated session, exploring the space and borrowing books to enjoy at school or home.

These visits are a fantastic way to nurture a love of reading and build important library skills. Please refer to the Important Dates section for the scheduled visit days.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students grow as enthusiastic readers!



# 5 STEPS TO ENROL

01

BOOK A TOUR WITH OUR PRINCIPAL AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT DILLBADIN PS HAS TO OFFER

02

ATTEND A TOUR WITH OUR PRINCIPAL. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SEE LEARNING IN ACTION. YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

03

FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM OR COMPLETE AN ENROLEMT FORM ONLINE

04

ATTEND OUR STEP INTO PREP PROGRAM IN TERM 4. A TRANSITION PROGRAM DESIGNED HELP NEW CHILDREN FEEL HAPPY AND SAFE AT SCHOOL

05

START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY WITH US IN AN EXCITING AND ADVENTUROUS PLACE WHERE LEARNING IS ENGAGING AND FUN!

**IT'S HERE!!**

# *Our Next Special Lunch Day Is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May*

**ONLY  
\$8.00**



**ORDERS DUE  
IN TUESDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Dillbadin PS are holding some special lunch days as a school fundraiser.

## **MENU FOR THURSDAY 15TH MAY**

**Each order will have:**

**Margherita pizza**

**1x baked sweet treat (muffin/  
cookie etc)**

**1x juice box**

## **HOW TO ORDER**

**Orders need to be placed  
before Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Please send \$8 in an  
envelope/ sandwich bag/  
brown paper bag with your  
child's name written on the  
front, or via credit card at the  
office. You can add dietary  
requests on to the bag/  
envelope (halal/ vegetarian)  
if required.**



# Boronia Shop Local: Win for your school!

Support your school and boost local businesses by participating in our exciting campaign!

## HOW IT WORKS:

**Shop Local:** Shop at small businesses in Boronia (excludes major chains and franchises).

**Collect Receipts:** Submit eligible receipts for your school.

**Win Big!** The school that collects the most receipts, **scaled to student numbers**, during the campaign will win a \$2,000 sports prize for their school!

## CAMPAIGN DATES:

Start: 28 April 2025

End: 9 June 2025

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

**Support Local Businesses:** Help boost the local economy and support the small businesses that make our community strong.

**Strengthen Community Bonds:** Connect with other families and local traders, and work together for a common goal.

**Incentives for Schools:** Enhance your school's programs with the chance to win fantastic prizes!

Find out more at:  
[www.knoxbiz.com.au](http://www.knoxbiz.com.au)



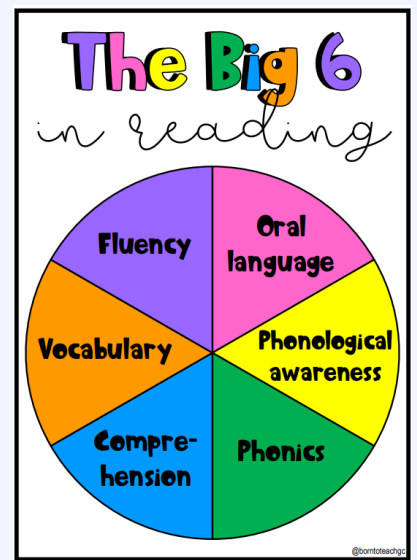
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# The Big Six

Research has shown that there are six key components to successful beginning reading. Because of their importance, they have become known as 'The Big Six': oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Last newsletter we learnt about Fluency this week we are looking at Comprehension.



## **How does comprehension contribute to reading success?**

Comprehension or understanding what we read is the whole aim of reading. (See Phonics: a guide for families for a diagram that explains the reading process.) Good readers comprehend in different ways depending on the book, article or website they are reading. Some of the ways readers comprehend include:

- predicting before reading and as they read
- making connections between what is being read and the reader's past experiences of books, life and the world
- asking questions about what is being read. What is this character going to do in this situation? Why did that character do that?
- monitoring meaning, checking predictions, confirming them, correcting them, re-predicting and rereading
- creating a mental summary of key parts of the story or information
- creating a mental picture of characters, setting
- inferring, interpreting and reading 'between the lines'
- considering the text purpose. Why did the author write this book? How does the author intend for me to respond to this article?

## **What can parents can do at home to encourage comprehension?**

To help children to see that the aim of reading is meaning making, read together for lots of different purposes then discuss and reflect on the things you read together. Comprehension shouldn't be forced, it should come naturally from reading.

- Share your response to a book read together with your child, for example: I liked the part when ... What did you like? I was surprised by the part when ... What surprised you?
- Talk about other books or experiences that you are reminded of when reading aloud. You could say: This is like that other book we read about ... That part of the story reminded me of when we went to visit Grandma and ...
- Pause and predict at interesting points in a story, when reading aloud, for example: Oh, that's an interesting situation. I wonder what the character is going to do now? How do you think that character is feeling right now? What might happen next?
- Retell stories to each other after reading. Make stories part of play using dress-ups, dolls or figurines, drawing and craft, sand play or play dough.

Wishing all our families a fantastic week ahead.

And don't forget—**Mother's Day is this Sunday!** Be sure to give your mum or special person a little extra love and recognition for all they do.

Thank you for being such a valued part of our school community!

*Penelope*

# Wellbeing Wrap-Up

*Neisha Gange – Assistant Principal*

## Spending Time Outside: Boosting Wellbeing and Success at School

As we move through the school year and the weather starts to become cooler, it's essential to remind ourselves of the benefits that spending time outside can have on children's wellbeing and academic success. Research consistently shows that outdoor activities and time spent in nature profoundly impact children's mental, physical, and emotional health.

Being outside promotes physical activity, which helps develop strong muscles, bones, and physical health. But the benefits go beyond just physical fitness. Outdoor play and learning encourage creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. These experiences help children build resilience, improve focus, and reduce stress. Studies show that students who spend more time outdoors are often more engaged in their schoolwork, are happier, more resilient and better problem solvers.

Outdoor time also fosters a sense of connection with nature, helping children develop a deeper understanding of their environment and sense of self. This connection improves emotional regulation and overall happiness, making students more prepared to face challenges at school with a positive attitude.

At Dillbadin PS, we aim to use all areas of our school for learning, including our beautiful and natural outdoor spaces. We believe students can learn at all times in all different locations, and outdoor learning is incorporated into learning whenever possible.

## Celebrating Walk to School Day - Friday, May 16th

Next Friday, May 16th, Dillbadin Primary School is excited to celebrate Walk to School Day!

This is a special event where students, staff, and families are encouraged to leave their cars at home and walk to school, promoting both physical health and environmental sustainability.

Walking to school helps children get some fresh air, and develop a sense of community with their peers. Parents and families are encouraged to walk with us. Students will receive a hot milo when they arrive at school.

**Date:** Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** We will meet at 8:30 and walk to school, arriving just before 9:00am

**Where:** Outside Woolworths, Boronia Junction





# Star Student Awards

## JUNIOR

Ayan for doing amazing research about dingos for his information report.

## MIDDLE

Amare for being an enthusiastic participant in Phonics.

## SENIOR

Aazaan, what a great week! Your contributions in class are always so valuable to our learning.





# Star Student Awards





# Specialist Star Awards

**MRS  
BLAKE**

**ART:**  
Gerard for always giving Art a go and doing his best work.

**MISS D**

**Performing Art:**  
Daniel for demonstrating confidence during a mime activity in Performing Arts!

**MISS  
GANGE**

**PE/Auslan:**  
There were no classes this week – so also no award.

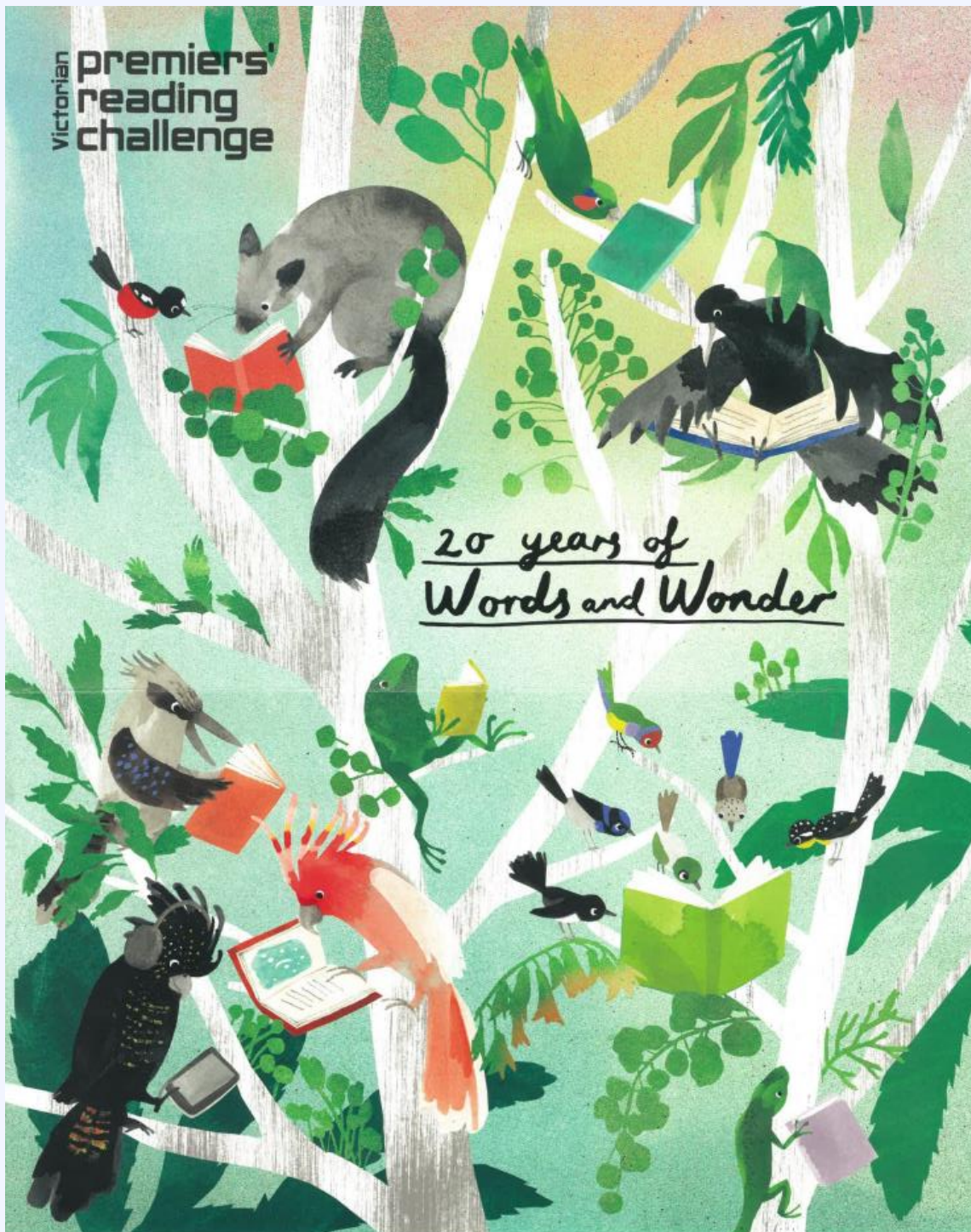


# Specialist Star Awards





# Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Premiers' Reading Challenge begins on the first Monday in March each year and ends on the first Friday in September.

2025 Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open.

The Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher for more information.



To register, visit [vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge](http://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.

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# Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Grandparents/Special Person's Day from 2:30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council – 9am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Boronia Library Visit
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Simultaneous Storytime at Boronia Library
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm Information Reports open session
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Boronia Library Visit
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Incursion – Musica Viva
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday – King's Birthday
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council – 9am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Boronia Library Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle – NGV Excursion
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Boronia Library Visit
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish



# School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students earned 5 leaves  
in the past week, which is **500**  
acknowledgements of positive  
behaviour.

Amazing work everyone!



# Advertisers

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**BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

<b>Mens &amp; Boys Quick Cut</b> <small>男生&amp;男孩快速剪发</small>	<i>From \$15</i>
<b>Mens Skin Fade Cut</b> <small>男生美式渐层(半号推/半号推)</small>	<i>From \$30</i>
<b>Mens Male Style Cut</b> <small>男生造型设计剪&amp;全剪刀剪</small>	<i>From \$30</i>
<b>Women &amp; Girls Quick Cut</b> <small>女士&amp;女孩快速剪发</small>	<i>From \$25</i>
<b>Womens Style Cut</b> <small>女生造型剪</small>	<i>From \$30</i>
<b>Beard Trim</b> <small>修胡子</small>	<i>\$10</i>
<b>Hair Regrowth Colour &amp; Cut</b> <small>一般基本染发+剪</small>	<i>From \$70</i>
<b>Perm</b> <small>一般烫发+剪</small>	<i>From \$100</i>
<b>Rebonding Straightening</b> <small>烫直+剪</small>	<i>From \$150</i>
<b>Shampoo &amp; Scalp Massage</b> <small>一般洗发</small>	<i>\$15</i>



## Sarah Louise School of Dance

0419 311 592

Exciting new Saturday classes commencing Term 2!

**Preschool Introduction to Dance:**  
**Saturdays 10:00am-10:45am**

**Prep/Grade 1 Jazz, Tap and Ballet:**  
**Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm**



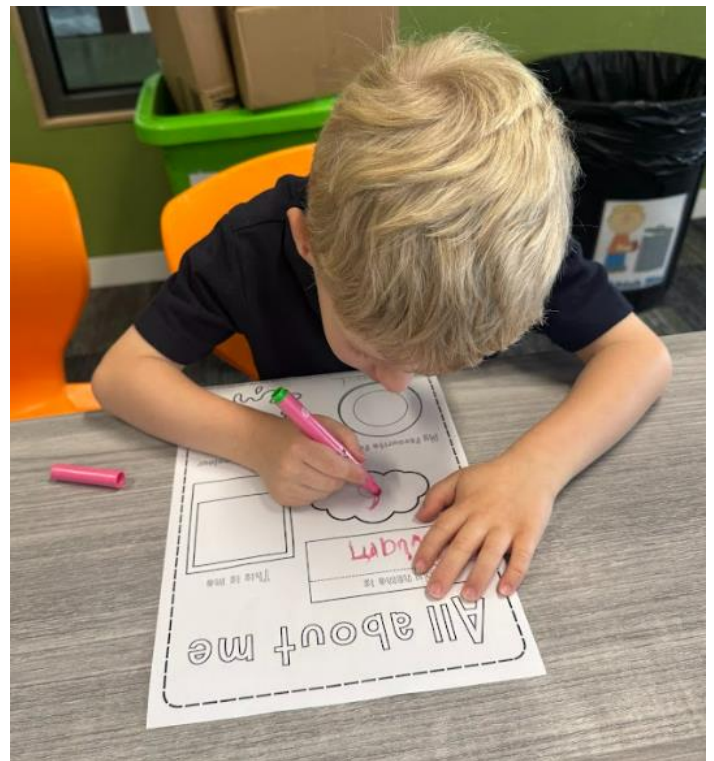
Call Sarah and book in for your free trial lesson!

**0419-311-592** [www.sarahlouisedance.com.au](http://www.sarahlouisedance.com.au)

**Girl Guide Hall Boronia.**

For more information regarding enrolling your child in primary school in 2026 including timelines please click on the link below:

[Enrolling in primary school for 2026](#)



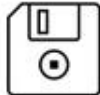







# Digital Enrolment Parent/Carer Quick Reference Guide

Enrolling your child is quick and easy using your laptop or desktop

## Before you begin

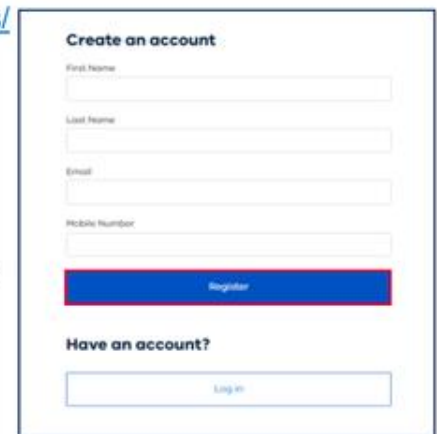
 Google Chrome is the recommended browser	 Use of a laptop or desktop is recommended	 Use the <b>Save</b> button if you need to walk away
 Ensure your listed Emergency contact is someone <b>other than</b> Adult A or Adult B	 Check your details are complete <b>before</b> submitting <i>You can't edit after submission</i>	 Have all your digital documents ready as they <b>must be uploaded</b> to your application <i>e.g. Birth certificate, Proof of Address, Proof of Residency</i>

## Finding your designated neighbourhood school

Use [Find My School](#) to view a map of available government schools in your area, including your designated neighbourhood (local) school.

## Register for an account

1. Click the following link: <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>
2. Scroll down and select **Register**
3. Read the acknowledgement and select **Continue**
4. Enter the requested details
5. A verification email will be sent to your inbox (check spam folder)
6. Click the link that has been emailed to you to complete registration
7. You will be prompted to set a new password
8. Select **Change Password**
9. You will land on the portal homepage



The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields and buttons:

- Create an account** (Section Header)
- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email:
- Mobile Number:
- Register** (Blue button)
- Have an account?** (Section Header)
- Log in:

## Ongoing access to the portal

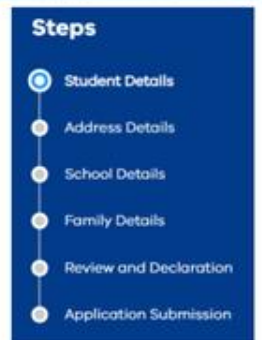
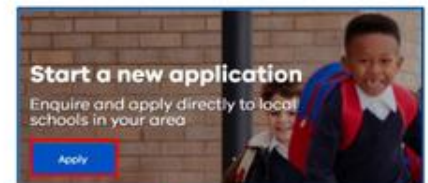
1. Select the following link: <https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>
2. Enter your credential details
3. Select **Log in**
4. When logging in on a new device, you will be prompted for a verification code
  - check your email for the code
  - enter code and select **Verify**
5. You will land on the portal homepage
6. To log out, navigate to the drop-down menu and select **Logout**



## Submitting an application

1. From the portal homepage, select **Apply**
2. Enter new school application details
3. Read the **privacy notice** and then select **Continue**
4. Enter details for each section (including documentation upload)
5. Read **Review and Declaration** and check all details have been provided and are correct
 

**Note:** Once an enrolment enquiry is submitted, enrolment details cannot be edited via the Portal
6. Select **Submit**
7. The **Application Submission** screen will appear and then select **Close**
8. You will be taken to your application list

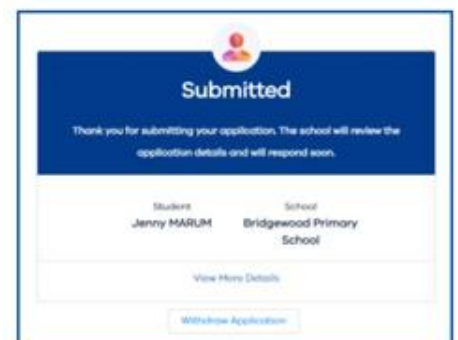


## Viewing, withdrawing or adding files to an application

1. In the portal, select **application number** to view details, including status

My Applications						
Application	Type	Student	School	Requested Start Date	Status	
APP-0777	New Enrolment	Jenny MARUM	Bridgewood Primary School	2023 Term 2	Submitted	

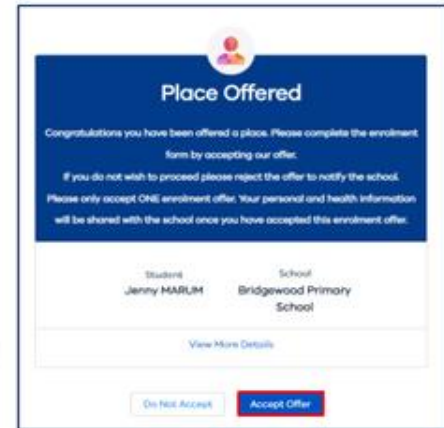
2. You can monitor the application status along the top status bar, view application details, withdraw the application or view and upload files
  - **To withdraw:** select **Withdraw Application**, enter a reason and the application will be closed
  - **To add files:** select **Add Files** at the bottom of the browser and follow instructions



## Accepting or not accepting an enrolment offer

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please only accept ONE enrolment offer. All enrolments **must** be accepted via the portal.

1. When a school makes an offer of enrolment, you will be notified by email and the status in the portal will be updated
2. Select the link in the email, and you will be redirected to the portal
3. In the portal, **My Applications** will display **Place Offered**
4. Select **application number**
5. Select **Accept Offer** to accept the enrolment offer (only accept ONE) and you will be prompted to provide additional information
6. Read the **privacy notice** and select **Continue** to proceed
7. Enter details for each section (including documentation upload)
8. Click **Submit**
9. When the school finalises the application, you will be notified by email notification and the status in the portal will be updated
10. If you received multiple enrolment offers, or you no longer wish to proceed with your enrolment application:
  - select **Do Not Accept** (for each offer to be declined)
  - enter a reason and the application will be closed



**NOTE:** Your personal and health information will be shared with the school once you have accepted an enrolment offer.

## We are here to support you

If you have any questions regarding your enrolment, please contact your school. For information about this process, visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol>.