



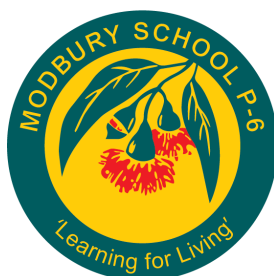
Modbury School Preschool to Year 6

Parent Information



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Modbury School Preschool to Year 6 Leadership

Principal	Sara Slater
Deputy Principal	Ali Curtis
Wellbeing Leader	Sheila Flavel
Front Office/Admin	Kym Bennetts
Finance Manager	Liz Allen

Please see photos near the Front Office Reception for other school staff.

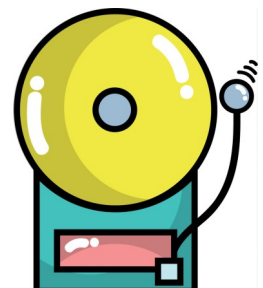
Daily Routine / Bell times

8.35 am	Supervised yard play before school
8.55 am	School begins
9.00 am	Roll Call
10.00 am	Health Snack
10.45 am	Recess
11.05 am	End of recess
12.45 pm	Eat lunch in classrooms
12.55 pm	Lunch play
1.25 pm	End of lunch
3.05 pm	End of school day
3.25 pm	End of supervised yard play

Students arriving after 8:55 should be signed in at the office.

Last day of each term school ends at 2:05pm.

Please collect your children from the yard.



Fees

Fees are invoiced at the beginning of the year. In 2023, school fees were set at \$269 for the year.

Paying Fees

Invoices are sent home via students/classrooms.

Payments can be made in a number of different ways:

- Cash payment via front office (8.30 - 9.00am & 3.00 - 3.30pm)
- Visa/Debit card at the front office as above
- Centrepay: Free direct bill paying service from your Centrelink payment. Please see the school front office staff for an application for centre pay.
- School Card: The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools in that year. To qualify for school card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have
- Website: Payments for school expenses including canteen, excursions, school fees, uniforms can be made through the Modbury School website:

<https://www.modburyp6.sa.edu.au/parent-info/payments/>

Follow the prompts using secure b-point, enter your family name/child name and what the payment is for in the areas provided.

- Direct credit: Direct deposit to the account details listed on your invoice, referencing the invoice number and family name.

South Australian State School Term Dates

	Term 1	Term2	Term3	Term4
2023	30 January to 14 April	1 May to 7 July	24 July to 29 September	16 October to 15 December
2024	29 January to 12 April	29 April to 5 July	22 July to 27 September	14 October to 13 December
2025	28 January to 11 April	28 April to 4 July	21 July to 26 September	13 October to 12 December

School uniform items available for purchase through the office

Polo tops/shirts with school logo
\$25 each



Zip up jacket with school logo
\$25 each



Bucket hat
(green) with logo \$13



Legionnaire Hat
(green)
With logo \$10



All items can be purchased from the School Front Office. Cash or eftpos accepted.

Modbury School welcomes returns from families who have school uniforms that are in good condition needing a new home. These are sold through the front office for a gold coin donation.

For the purchase of extra school uniform items, we recommend:

- Big W
- Best n Less
- Target
- School Uniform shop (Totally Schoolwear) at Clovercrest

Our school colour is bottle green.

Students may wear black or green bottoms, i.e. shorts, track pants, leggings (no denim please).

Please note that students are not permitted to wear nail polish at school.

Please refer to our Uniform Policy in this information book.

Modbury School Preschool to Year 6 Uniform Policy



Students attending Modbury School Preschool to Year 6 are encouraged to follow the dress code. It is important that all students wear appropriate school uniform at all times to ensure that we can identify each student as part of our school community and for other occupational, health and safety reasons.

Bottle green and gold are the designated school colours.

We encourage parents and caregivers to ensure children:

- Wear the designated school colours.
- Wear shoes appropriate for physical activity, e.g. sneakers, closed toe sandals.
- Do not wear jewellery, with the following exceptions: students may wear a watch and earrings of up to two sleepers or plain studs in the lower ear lobes are allowed. Necklaces and bracelets are not permitted.
- Do not wear make up or nail polish.
- Do not wear denim pants, shorts or skirts.

School polo tops and jumpers must be either green or gold. Long sleeve tops (e.g. skivvies) which may be worn underneath these may be green, gold, black or white.

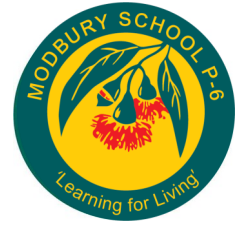
Zip-up jackets. It is preferred that zip-up jackets for wearing in the yard are bottle green.

School pants must be green or black (when green is not available). Long pants or shorts must be made of a suitable design and fabric for physical activity and not have logos/name brands. Shorts should be mid-thigh to knee in length. Short shorts are *not* permissible.

Summer Dresses in green and white check are suitable. Leggings worn under the dress are allowed, in white, black or green. Dresses should be mid-thigh or longer.

Skirts/skorts must be bottle green and should be mid-thigh or longer.

Modbury School Preschool to Year 6 Uniform Policy



Hats: Wide brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats, as approved by the Anti-Cancer foundation are compulsory during all periods (including before and after school, whilst in the school grounds) and outdoor classroom activities all year round. Religious headdress is permitted. As some headdress makes it uncomfortable to wear sun-safe hats, permission not to wear a hat for this reason may be negotiated with the principal.

Casual Day Attire: Clothing worn on casual days does not have to be of school colours. Denim clothing is permitted, however all clothing worn on casual days must be:

- Sun safe, i.e. no tank tops, no slits in sleeves, no short shorts or miniskirts.
- No offensive images or slogans (i.e. blood, horror/gore images, violent games/sports, weapons)
- Appropriate footwear.

Uniform clothing can be purchased from:

- Front office (second hand may be available)
- Totally Schoolwear at Clovercrest Plaza
- Larger shopping stores (K-Mart, Big-W, Best n Less)

We encourage all parents to support their children in wearing it with pride.



What to bring to school

Please write your child's name on everything.

BAG



HAT

A hat that covers ears, face and neck. Hats can be purchased from the office.



Does your child require a **CHANGE OF CLOTHES?**

- Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and a plastic bag.

Your child needs:



a shirt



pants



under pants



socks

SUITABLE FOOTWEAR

Enclosed Shoes ie. sandals or sneakers
(no thongs or slip on shoes)



- DRINK BOTTLE** (WATER only)
(no cordial, juice or milk)



MORNING SNACK

1 piece of fruit or vegetable for a healthy morning snack



LUNCH

A healthy packed lunch in a named lunch box or container



WINTER JACKET

During colder months, we encourage students to bring a warm jacket.



Arriving at school

Students may arrive at school from 8.35am and will be supervised by a teacher on yard duty. School starts at 8.55am where students line up on the asphalt and are greeted by their teacher to proceed to class.

Please note, students must not be on school grounds before 8.25am without a parent, as we have no supervision in the yard before this time.

Drop off zone / parking for parents

Gold Court (At the front of school off Golden Grove Grove) and Illiad Grove (at the rear of the school adjacent the gym) are safe areas for busy school times.



Please note: The staff car park is not to be used for parking, dropping students off **or** for walking through to gain access to the school. Please walk safely through the school yard/asphalt play area and enter via the automatic doors.

End of day dismissal

Our Reception classes are led to the asphalt area by teachers to meet parents. This is a great time to touch base with your child's teacher. Other students are dismissed from their class and will proceed to the asphalt area.

Student absences

Please inform the school if your child is away **or arriving late (after 8:55am)** by:

- Phoning the school 8264 2027 by 9am (please notify every day if the absence is ongoing unless there is an approved exemption)
- Audiri App (e-form menu)
- Class Dojo



For absences known in advance, a note to the teacher or office is recommended. For extended periods of absence (more than 3 days) please complete an official exemption form. Doctors certificates are required for 3 or more days of absence due to illness.

Late arrival/early pick-up

Students who are arriving late or departing early must do so via the Front Office. Students should arrive on time and be collected promptly at the end of the school day whenever possible. Late arrivals and early departures can cause disruptions to the learning environment and students can miss out on core learning. In the event that you need to collect a child early or are dropping them late, Modbury School follows these procedures:



Students who are late should be signed in at the office by a parent. Children will be given a late slip to notify the teacher they have been signed in.

Modbury School has a duty of care for all students and staff. Learning areas are not to be accessed by parents during school hours (8.55am to 3.05pm). Admin staff will arrange for your child(ren) to be sent to the office where they will need to be signed out prior to collection.

If in the event you are not able to pick your child up by 3.25pm, please contact the office on 8264 2027 to notify us of your delay and anticipated arrival time. Students will need to be collected from the front office as a duty of care.

Parents are encouraged to let the office know (via a note or phone call) if they will be collecting their child(ren) early so the teacher can be advised.



Attendance matters

It's not okay to be away..... Nor to be late to school

Did you know that your child being late just 10 minutes late per day adds up to one whole lesson missed per week and being absent one day per week eventually adds up to missing over 2 years and 1 term over their schooling life.

At Modbury School, everybody is committed to ensuring that children get the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life. We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure your child is here every day on time for learning.

Ensuring regular attendance at school is a shared responsibility of both parents/caregivers and our school. If you are having problems with your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher so we can support.

If your child is sick, or will be absent from school, please notify the front office by 8.55 am via phone 8264 2027 or the Audiri app. In every instance of a child being late or absent a reason must be given by the child's parent/caregiver to explain why, (eg. were they sick, did they have a medical appointment or cultural commitment).

When this does not happen you will be contacted by your child's teacher to discuss their absence. Schools have a legal obligation to follow up unexplained absences and late arrivals.



Sharing Information and Confidentiality

We encourage families to share as much information with staff as possible to support your child's learning and development. There will be a number of opportunities to do this throughout the year so we can thank you for your support.

Please know that all information you share, including medical and health information is treated confidentially.

School Communication

Our school uses the Audiri App (download from i-tunes or google play) for distribution of school newsletters and reminders about upcoming events.



A fortnightly newsletter will be sent via the Audiri app and via email to all families, predominantly on a Friday.

We also have a school Facebook page.

School website: www.modburyp6.sa.edu.au



[FB.com/modburyschool](https://www.facebook.com/modburyschool)



Playgroup

Our Playgroup runs during school term on Fridays from 9-11am, on site in the Preschool.

At Playgroup, children create great friendships and learn through play, exploration and sharing. The sessions begins with free play; where toys, books, Play dough and other crafting items are used creatively by children. A healthy snack is included and we finish our playtime with songs and shared reading.



One of the most enjoyable aspects of the playgroup is the parent to parent friendships that are formed. The mums, dads and caregivers often sit down over a coffee or tea and chat about their lives. Past and present parents often tell us that their children's relationships were first formed in Playgroup. We are proud that our playgroup is inclusive of children from a range of cultures and developmental ages (birth to 5 years). Please contact the school on



82642027 to register your interest



PLAYGROUP

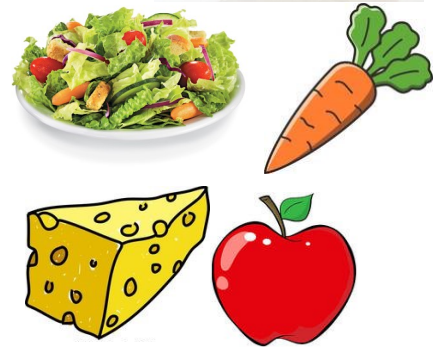
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Nutrition Policy

We promote safe, healthy eating habits in line with the Right Bite Healthy Food and Drink Supply for South Australian Schools and Preschools. Through this policy, we are enabling children to establish lifelong, healthy eating habits that support their development, learning and wellbeing.

Some ideas for lunch:

- Sandwich, roll or wrap with a savoury filling
- Salad or fresh vegetables
- Fresh or dried fruit
- Cheese or Yoghurt (pack a spoon)



Please separate your child's snack from their lunch and name both containers. We recommend using a cold pack/ice brick in summer to keep food fresh.



Nut Aware Zone

We have children attending our school with a life-threatening food allergy - anaphylaxis to nuts, therefore our school is a:

To keep everyone safe, **products containing NUTS must not be brought to school.**

Birthday Celebrations at School

Birthdays are important milestones for children of all ages. At Modbury School, we recognise that children enjoy sharing their special day with classmates.

In order to ensure that all students may participate fully, we have adopted guidelines for these celebrations:

- Consider providing a healthy option instead of cake such as fruit platter.
- If sending cake, individual cupcakes are preferred to avoid knives and mess in the classroom.
- Any food provided will be given to children **at the end of the school day** as children exit the classroom so that normal eating patterns or appetite are not affected.
- Please remember we are a nut-aware school, please do not send any products with nuts (ie. Nutella, peanut butter, peanuts, cashews, almonds, and all nut products).
- Due to safety and allergy reasons, we ask that families do not send party bags or gifts for classmates.

'BRAIN FOOD' MORNING SNACK

Each morning, some of our classes have the opportunity to have a 'brain food' snack as they are working in class. This snack needs to be separate from what is provided for recess and lunch and should be appropriately stored (eg in a separate container).



It is also important that children have a water bottle filled with water only, for use in the classroom, each day. Appropriate Brain Foods are generally unprocessed and ensure a slow release of glucose rather than a quick fix provided by high sugar/fat filled foods

Brain Food:

- Provides students with a mid morning energy burst.
- Brain Food time is not a play-break. It is a time when students are encouraged to eat small amounts of brain-healthy food that helps maintain the glucose supply to the brain.
- Students access to water bottles on desks to enable them to have regular sips of water throughout the day.
- Develops higher level brain function.
- Gives student more energy to learn.
- Experience more success with learning.
- Provides students with lifelong skills around healthy eating.

Acceptable Brain Foods include :

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruit (eg apricots, prunes, raisins and sultanas)
- Rice cakes
- Plain unsalted popcorn
- Seeds (eg sunflower, sesame, tahini, linseed and pepitas)
- Chick peas and other legumes
- Cheese sticks/cubes
- Boiled eggs (already shelled)
- Yoghurt

Food needs to be pre-cut ready for eating.



Working Together

We know that learning outcomes are most likely to be achieved when we work in partnership with families. We believe that families are children's first and most influential teachers, so we really look forward to building a strong partnership with you as we work together to support your child's learning and development.

Everybody is welcome to be part of the children's learning and this may include grandparents and extended family members.

Share your culture, area of interest/and/or skills with the staff and children. Please share with us if you can play a musical instrument, sing, paint, draw, love to cook or garden or if you can help us celebrate a special cultural event.



Governing Council

Governance of our school is the responsibility of the Modbury School Preschool to Yr 6 Governing Council. The committee consists of parents, staff and community members from the whole school community. Members are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They meet twice a term for a meeting at an agreed time. If you are interested in learning more about Governing Council, please see office staff.



Governing Council

Homework

Is Homework Useful? We have many parents and caregivers often asking what the policy on homework is at Modbury School. Homework comes in many different forms for students and certainly is featured more significantly as students enter the senior years.

Overwhelmingly, homework in primary school is to revise, not look at new learning. Providing students with a greater level in the senior levels better prepares them for secondary school, many of who have expectations that homework is used to complete assignments.

How can you help your child with homework? Teachers encourage parents and caregivers to go over what their young children are learning in a non-pressured way and practice what they need extra help with. That doesn't mean drilling them for success but it may mean going over basic counting skills, multiplication tables or letter recognition, depending on the learning needs of your child.

A very important thing to consider is to make the most of learning opportunities as they arise as this helps children make deeper and meaningful connections with their learning. For example, using sports to help older students learn numeracy where possible, 6x tables for points scored in AFL, percentages of different skills in games.

Involve children when setting the table, shopping and making lists, using timetables for transport or going to the movies and reading signs in our community..... all of which help reinforce learning opportunities for children.

Reading to your child no matter what age they are, can also provide a time to create a lovely time to connect with your child.

So as you can see, homework comes in many different forms. It may be an idea to call it 'Home Learning' rather than work because as humans we are all lifelong learners.



Health

Please keep staff informed of any medical conditions or allergies as the year progresses. Whilst it is important that children attend school regularly, please do not send them if they are unwell.

To ensure that cross infection does not occur between children, children with heavy colds, congestion and temperatures should be kept at home. **Do not send your child to school if they have had diarrhoea or vomited in the past 24 hours.**



We will contact you if your child becomes ill at school and ask that you collect them as quickly as possible. **If you get a new phone number, please remember to update your contact information with the Front Office.**

Students who require medication prescribed by a doctor at school will require a medication and health plan to be completed by a doctor.

Medications and Ventolin puffers for students will be kept in the first aid room (office). Please see office staff to discuss your child's medication needs and what forms you need your medical professional to complete for school.

Infectious Diseases

Please notify staff if your child contracts an infectious disease such as COVID, chicken pox or conjunctivitis.

Your doctor can tell you when your child may return to preschool.





IS YOUR CHILD WELL ENOUGH TO BE IN SCHOOL TODAY?

The **DAILY HEALTH CHECK** needs to be:

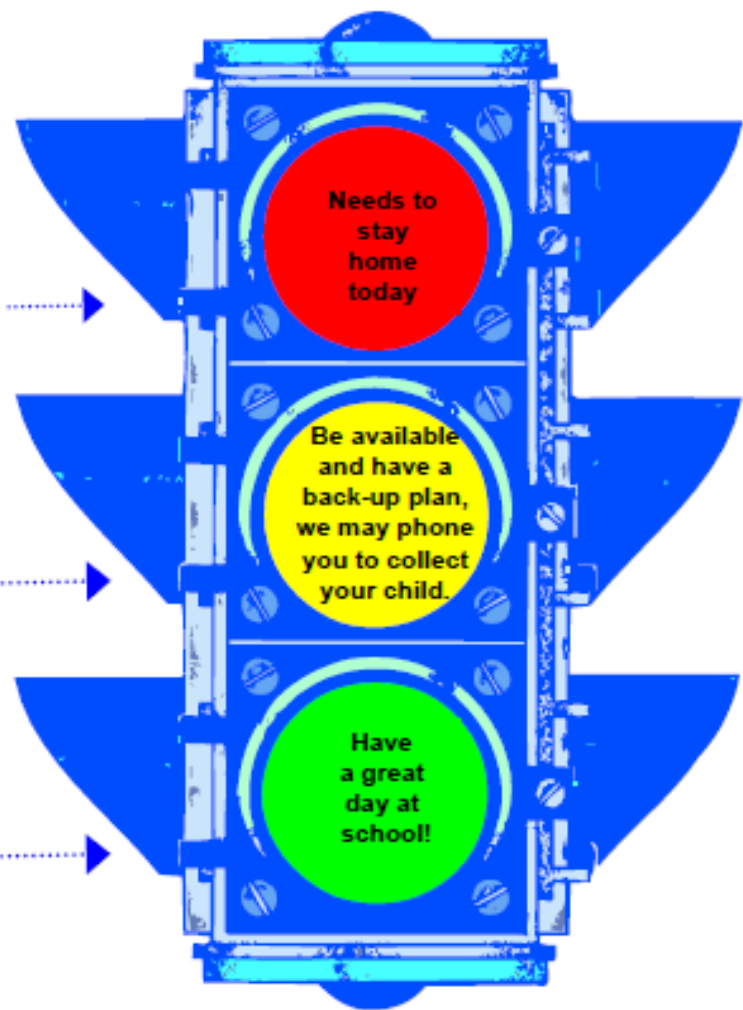
- Completed everyday!
- Before the person responsible for bringing the child to school leaves!

If your child has any of the following symptoms:

- Fever over 37.5°C in the last 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhoea within the last 24 hours
- Persistent cough or sore throat
- Irritated eyes
- Rash
- Pain - earache, headache, abdominal pain, body aches
- Sores that are draining, open or appear infected
- Lice or nits
- Not feeling well enough to participate in school activities

- Runny Nose
- Slight Cough
- Feeling tired or not 100%
- Family member that is ill

- Feeling well today
- Is not displaying any of the above symptoms



We are all working together to keep our children, families & staff healthier!

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Modbury School P-6 provides 'Out of School Hours Care' (OSHC) for students from preschool to year 6.

Care is provided before and after school and during school holiday periods.



Our non-profit service is created to meet the needs of the school community, from full-time working parents through to families in need of casual or emergency care.

If your child will be using this service, please talk to them about this and show them where they will be going explaining if it is for before or after school care. Preschool children are supervised by OSHC staff moving to and from preschool/OSHC.

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