

Parkville Playgroup Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who runs the Parkville playgroup?

The Parkville playgroup is run by volunteers from St Jude's Anglican church in Parkville, who meet on Sundays at 10am and 5pm at Ridley College. More information about St Jude's can be found [here](#).

2. When and where does the playgroup take place?

The Parkville playgroup meets every Friday of the Victorian school term, from 10-11:30am, at Ridley College (170 The Avenue, Parkville).

3. What can I expect at the playgroup each week?

We meet together to each week of the school term to

Play – we move, we sing, we create

Connect – we have fun, we make friends and eat together

Grow – we listen, we learn and explore

Each week, children enjoy free play both inside and outside (weather-permitting), listen to stories, sing songs, create simple crafts and share morning tea together. Children thrive on predictable routines, therefore, the order of activities will be similar week to week.

4. What age is it applicable to?

Any children aged 0-5, including babies, toddlers and pre-school children.

5. Are grandparents and other carers welcome?

Yes, any carers of the young children participating are welcome to attend.

6. Where do I register for the playgroup?

Please register all children involved in the program [here](#). A new registration is required each year.

7. What is the fee to attend the playgroup?

We'd love for you to join us for a free trial session at the Parkville Playgroup – your first visit is at no fee. Ongoing participation is \$35 per child per term, or \$50 per family (two or more children). Payment can be made [here](#).

8. Is morning tea provided?

Fresh fruit will be available for children, but you may wish to supply additional snacks in light of your child's individual needs (no nuts please).

Tea, coffee and something sweet will be provided for any adults attending.

9. What facilities are available at Ridley?

Nappy change facilities are available at Ridley, along with a kitchen with a fridge and a microwave.

10. What are the options for parking?

There is limited free street parking on The Avenue and Walker St, along with paid options. There is also ample, low-price parking available at Melbourne Zoo.

11. What training do our volunteers have?

All St Jude's staff and volunteers undertake safe ministry training and hold a current Working with Children Check. More information about our policies can be found [here](#).