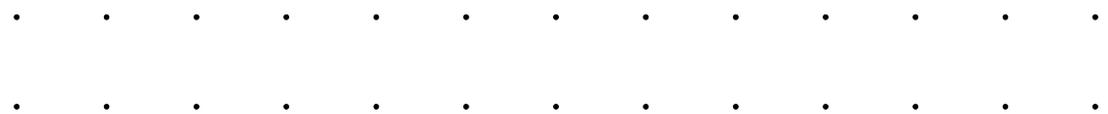
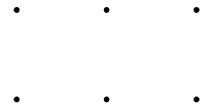


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Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which Swinburne's Australian campuses are located in Melbourne's east and outer-east, and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We are honoured to recognise our connection to Wurundjeri Country, history, culture, and spirituality through these locations, and strive to ensure that we operate in a manner that respects and honours the Elders and Ancestors of these lands.

We also respectfully acknowledge Swinburne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, students, alumni, partners and visitors.

We also acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, their Elders, Ancestors, cultures, and heritage, and recognise the continuing sovereignties of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations.

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Pathways in Education

Certificate III

Diploma

Degree



Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care

1 Year Full Time or 18 months Traineeship – Hawthorn, Wantirna

Free TAFE course

→ The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care offers practical skills to work in a range of early childhood settings. This course teaches essential skills in areas such as how to communicate with children, support play and learning/basic development needs, provide food and basic health services including first aid and work health and safety processes. With national accreditation, this course enables you to apply for work across most of Australia upon graduation.

→ **Pathways into:** Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood or Primary) via Dip Early Childhood and Care

→ **Career Outcomes:**

Early childhood educator (assistant) educational programs

Outside school hours care assistant

Family day care educator

Playgroup advisor

Nanny

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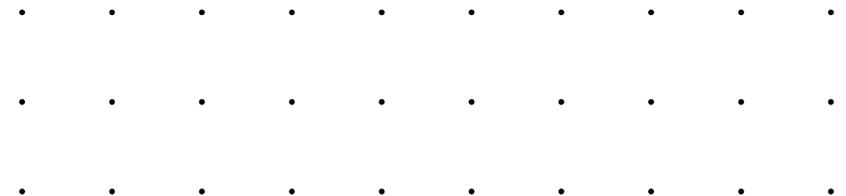
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Real Sector Experience



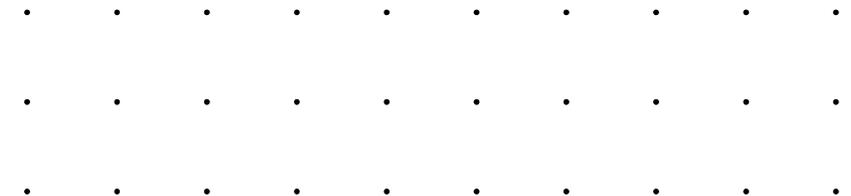
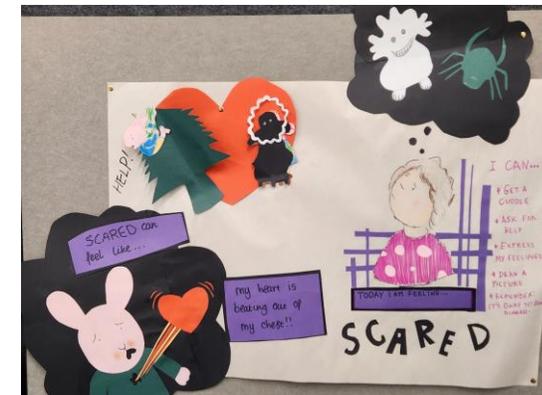
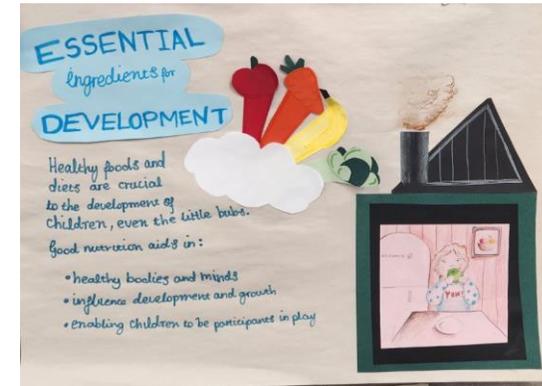
Students in Certificate III and Diploma ECEC Courses complete placements in Early childhood services with child ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age.



Course Breadth

What students will learn in Certificate III and Diploma ECEC Course

- Child development
- Health and safety
- Play experiences
- Play in nature and sustainability
- Inclusive practice
- Working with diverse people and teams
- Reflective practice
- First aid



Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching)

4 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ Inspire and teach children up to five years old in kindergartens, preschools and early learning centres. Learn how to support and grow a child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical development through innovative teaching methods. Engage in unique units of study of nature play, social justice, sustainability and Indigenous knowledges.

→ Career Opportunities

Early Childhood Educator

Early Childhood Teacher

Classroom Teacher

65

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score
for 2026

25

VCE English
(Units 3 and 4)

RC

Range of Criteria – please
visit website



Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)

4 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ **Gain** the skills and knowledge to become an inspiring early childhood and primary school teacher. Be prepared for teaching in the 21st century using emerging technologies. You'll study contexts of education, cultural-historical perspectives and child development, as well as units focusing on specific subject disciplines.

→ Specialisations

English

Mathematics

Science

70

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score
for 2026

25 / 20

VCE English / Any Mathematics
(Units 3 and 4)

RC

Range of Criteria – please visit
website



Bachelor of Education (Primary)

4 Years Full Time – Hawthorn Campus

→ Become an inspiring teacher and engage children across a range of subjects using the latest teaching techniques and technology. Through collaborative group activities and school-based practical placements you'll develop the skills to design effective learning experiences, including addressing diversity to tailor learning experiences to the needs of your students.

→ Career Opportunities

Early Childhood Educator

Early Childhood Teacher

Classroom Teacher

Primary School Teacher

Generalist Primary Classroom Teacher

70

25 / 20

RC

ATAR Guaranteed Entry Score for 2026

VCE English / Any Mathematics (Units 3 and 4)

Range of Criteria – please visit website



Why study Education with us?



#1 in Melbourne for student support



#1 in Melbourne for overall experience



Real classroom experience through multiple placements for all teaching degrees[^]

Sources

[^] Three (or more) placements to prepare and support you for your teaching career

Lecturers are registered teachers and have relevant real-world experience, which means they teach practical, research supported pedagogy.

Placement units are not 'on top of' the curriculum but are embedded within their own coursework unit. This ensures Pre-Service Teachers are given comprehensive preparation and support for their placements.

A common comment from mentor teachers is that they like having Swinburne Pre-Service Teachers as they are well-prepared and have practical understanding that they can readily implement in the real classroom.

The Swinburne Experience – SimLab



- Trained performers operate behind the scenes to portray school students with a range of learning needs, responding dynamically to create an authentic classroom environment.
- SimLab actors are experts in improvisation and are skilled at enacting strong behavioural and emotional reactions commonly seen in classroom settings.
- By engaging with this simulated experience, educators can strengthen their instructional practice, relationship-building, and behaviour management capabilities—key skills required for effective everyday teaching.

The Swinburne Experience – SimLab

Human-in-the-loop technology makes simulation learning more realistic.

Pre-Service Teachers get to practice rapport building, lesson planning and delivery, and parent teacher interviews – including with an angry parent.

Our students report feeling better prepared for placements.



Student Panel



Caitlin Mok

- Cert III in Early Childhood and Care > Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)

Scarlett Byrne

- Diploma of Teacher Education Prep > Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Sam Roberts

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching – Online delivery)

Freeman Chee

- Bachelor of Education (Primary)

