



How to contact us

We provide support in offices located in Barwon and western Victoria.

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Meli Kindergartens

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Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we work and connect on the traditional and unceded lands of Aboriginal peoples and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We are committed to the reconciliation journey through our actions and openness to learn.



We celebrate difference

Meli is committed to creating an environment where everyone feels safe and that they belong. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, ages, religions, abilities, and nationalities and value diversity of experience as a vital part of supporting people and strengthening communities. We will listen, learn and evolve as an accessible, inclusive, and safe organisation for all, including First Nations peoples, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disability and those with culturally diverse backgrounds.



Interpreter services are available upon request.

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About Meli

Meli is a not-for-profit community service organisation, committed to supporting people and strengthening communities. We offer a range of support and education services to people living in the Barwon and western regions of Victoria.

Here to offer support at every stage of life, Meli's services span from childhood through to adolescence and adulthood.

With kindergartens throughout Geelong, the Bellarine Peninsula and Colac, we're one of the largest early childhood education providers in the region.

We believe in social justice, equality, and working together to help wherever we can. Our commitment is to provide you with high quality services, by professional staff who care and are dedicated to supporting you.

We will listen to you and ensure you have choice and control over the decisions that impact your life.

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New Parent and Infant Network (NEWPIN)





What you can expect from our services

- Our NEWPIN team is available to support families from Monday to Friday (9am – 5pm).
- Parents and staff work together to set and achieve goals that meet the needs of their family.
- NEWPIN provides the opportunity to meet other mothers and children.
- Everyone at NEWPIN agrees to the values of safety, empathy, equity, respect, and self-determination.
- We recognise that every family is different and provide a safe, non-judgemental space where families can receive individual support.
- Staff keep each family's information private and confidential.

About The NEWPIN Program

The New Parent and Infant Network Program (NEWPIN) is a family services early years program for mothers with children aged zero to four. NEWPIN aims to:

- promote positive parent child attachment
- promote child safety and child development
- improve social connections for families
- develop parenting styles and practices

The program combines centre-based sessions for mothers and their children, formal and informal group work, and individual support to meet the needs of each family unit.

NEWPIN is underpinned by the attachment theory and trauma-informed practice and strives to enhance childhood development in a safe environment.

Referrals to the NEWPIN program are through the Barwon Orange Door 1800 312 820.

The NEWPIN House

The NEWPIN house provides a welcoming, calm and safe space for mothers and their children to enjoy playing, learning and spending time together.

Parent and child group work sessions are facilitated at the house on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mothers and their children attend at least one of these groups per week (unless unwell or unable to attend).

