



Southern
Migrant & Refugee
Centre

Program Guide

Term 3, 2025 | 21 July - 19 September



ABOUT SMRC



SMRC is a for-purpose community- based agency providing services to migrants and refugees living in the southern region of Melbourne, including the local government areas of City of Greater Dandenong, City of Casey, Shire of Cardinia and surrounding suburbs.

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THE LEARNING SPACE



English for Citizenship

Term 3 starts: Thursday 24 July.

Learn about Australia and practice towards your Citizenship test. Gain understanding about the language behind the terminology.

When: Thursday 12.30 – 2.30 p.m,
during the school term,
Doveton College.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free
Child support provided.

Next Step English

Term 3 starts: Friday 25 July.

Are you ready for the next stage in the English learning journey? This class will help you get ready for the next step whether it's employment, study, and everyday life.

When: Friday 9.30 – 12 p.m.
during the school term, SMRC Level 1.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900

Cost: Per term: \$20 per course,
\$5 additional courses.

No child support provided.

You must register to attend the classes as there are limited places available.

If classes are full, you will be put on a wait list and contacted when there is space to attend.

This program is supported by funding received from the Australian Government/Department of Social Services under the SETS program.

THE LEARNING SPACE



English for Driving

Term 3 starts: Monday 21 July.

Suitable for learner drivers who want to improve their confidence and knowledge of road rules and road signs in English. Basic English required.

When: Monday and Thursday,
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. during school term,
SMRC Level 1.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900

Cost: Per term: \$20 per course,
\$5 additional courses.

No child support provided.

You must register to attend the classes as there are limited places available.

If classes are full, you will be put on a wait list and contacted when there is space to attend.

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THE LEARNING SPACE



Read and Write English

Term 3 starts: Tuesday 22 July.
Basic English classes, 10-week course.
Practice reading and writing English
with the support of our teacher
and volunteers.

When: Tuesday 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
during school term, SMRC Level 1.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900

Cost: Per term: \$20 per course,
\$5 additional courses.

Child support provided.

Everyday English

Term 3 starts: Wednesday 23 July.
Practice speaking English for everyday
socialising and connecting with the
wider community. Our teacher and
volunteers will help you along the way.

When: Wednesday 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
during school term, SMRC Level 1.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900

Cost: Per term: \$20 per course,
\$5 additional courses.

Child support provided.

***These are pre-accredited ACFE classes. Eligibility:** Australian permanent resident and citizens.
You must register to attend the classes as there are limited places available.
If classes are full, you will be put on a wait list and contacted when there is space to attend.

THE LEARNING SPACE



Sisters' Circle

Term 3 starts: Tuesday 22 July.

Welcome to Sisters' Circle, a warm, friendly, and supportive space where women come together to socialize, learn, and grow. Designed especially for women who have been in Australia for less than five years, our classes offer a chance to build community, develop life skills, and boost wellbeing. Join us for our crochet workshops, where you'll learn everything from simple chain stitches to intricate patterns.

All materials are provided—just bring your enthusiasm and a love for crafting!.

When: Tuesday 12 – 2 p.m.
during school term, SMRC Level 1.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free.

No child support provided.

You must register to attend the classes as there are limited places available.

If classes are full, you will be put on a wait list and contacted when there is space to attend.

HIPPY PROGRAM



Home Interaction Program for Parent and Youngsters (HIPPY)

Give your child the best start to school with HIPPY In-Home Early Learning Program!

- For families in City of Greater Dandenong with a child starting school in 2028.
- Supports parents in their role as their child's first teacher
- Fun, guided activities to enjoy with your child for just 15 minutes a day
- Runs over two years during school terms
- Parents receive free Activity Packs and unique HIPPY storybooks
- Includes group Family Gatherings to connect with other parents and share experiences

- Supports school readiness and builds early learning skills.

Enrol Now for 2026!

- Open to families in the City of Greater Dandenong
- Child must turn 3 before April 30, 2026
- Commitment of two years required.

Become a HIPPY Tutor

- HIPPY parents can apply to become paid part-time Tutors
- Support other families and deliver the program in your community.

Contact: tatjanak@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 or 0413 496 846

Cost: Free



TERM 3 | SETTLEMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR

MONDAY

English for Driving:

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1



Youth Career Support:

11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
by appointment.



STAR Club:

3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1

TUESDAY

Read & Write English:

9.30 – 12.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1

Sisters' Circle:

12.00 – 2.30 p.m.

SMRC Level 1



STAR Club:

3.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Hampton Park Library

WEDNESDAY

Everyday English:

9.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1



Youth Advisory Group:

Quarterly, during the
school holidays

THURSDAY



English for Driving:

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1

Youth Career Support:

11.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

by appointment.



English for Citizenship:

12.00 – 2.30 p.m.

Doveton College

FRIDAY

Next Step English:

9.30 – 12.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1



Chai Khana Men's Group:

2.30 – 5.00 p.m.

SMRC Level 1



All classes run during school term.

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39 Clow Street,
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Hampton Park Library:

26 Stuart Ave,
Hampton Park VIC 3976

Doveton College:

62 Tristania St,
Doveton VIC 3177



MEN'S GROUP



Chai Khana Men's Group

Term 3 starts: Friday 25 July.

Chai Khana is a social, wellbeing and life skills mens support group. The program provides an opportunity for men of all ages and cultures to connect, relax and build friendships.

When: Friday, 2.30 – 5.00 p.m.
SMRC Level 1.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free

YOUTH PROGRAM



STAR Homework Club

Term 3 starts: Monday 21 July.

Homework club provides tutoring to assist students with all their study related needs. Students must be from a migrant or refugee background, aged between 12 to 25 years and living in Australia for less than 5 years. The program runs face to face. Online option is limited and available upon request.

When: Monday 3.30 – 6 pm during school term, SMRC Level 1.
Tuesday 3.30 – 6 pm during school term, Hampton Park Library.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free

School Holiday Activities

Social, and fun activities for students during school holidays. Students have the opportunity to make new friends and network with other local agencies.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free

YOUTH PROGRAM



Youth Career Support

Term 3 starts: Monday 21 July.

Online or face to face one-on-one sessions available by appointment. Groups and school sessions can also be arranged. Offering:

- Resume, cover letter and job search lessons
- Course, job or program application support
- Career exploration and goal setting sessions
- Practice interviews and more.

When: Monday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sessions are by appointment.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free

Youth Advisory Group

Youth Advisory Group assists students build their leadership skills, public speaking, and self-confidence. Students will increase their knowledge around topics that impact youth. They will contribute to the evaluation and design of programs to ensure inclusivity, relevancy and youth-friendly. The program runs quarterly, during the school holidays.

Contact: intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900 **Cost:** Free

FITTING INTO WORK



Fitting Into Work

Do you have overseas experience in administration, IT and finance but can't get a job? Join this interactive workshop over 5 weeks where we will explore the Australian workforce and job trends, how to market your existing skills and convert your current resume to meet industry standards.

Our guest speakers a leading recruitment agency and training organisation will give you tips to boost your success towards your next job and career pathway.

Expression of Interest contact:
intake@smrc.org.au

ph: 9767 1900

SMRC'S BICULTURAL SERVICE



SMRC's Bicultural Service

Our multilingual bicultural staff are available to support your company to engage and connect with CALD communities.

Trained staff can provide services such as project work; focus groups; community language support for training and information sessions; translation of company instructions and flyers; cultural awareness training.

For further information on rates and services please visit the SMRC website: www.smrc.org.au

Introduction to Bicultural Work Training

Are you interested in using your language and cultural skills in a rewarding role? Training occurs throughout the year.

- Define bicultural work and explore how it compares to other roles.
- Understand its key theories, required skills, and ethical principles.
- Learn how bicultural work is applied in real-world settings.

For further information and to complete an expression of interest please visit our website or email: intake@smrc.org.au



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