

# Out and About Program at The Harbour



At Gowrie at The Harbour, we believe children are active citizens of their community. Our Out and About Program provides children with meaningful opportunities to explore, connect with and learn from the vibrant Docklands community that surrounds us.

## Exploring our local community

Through regular excursions to the library, community garden, local parks, playgrounds and the Birrarung (Yarra River) precinct, children develop a strong sense of belonging and connection to place. These experiences extend the learning that occurs within our classrooms, allowing children to engage with real-world environments, ask questions, investigate their interests and build a deeper understanding of their community.

## Building skills and confidence

Our excursions are intentionally planned to support children's learning, wellbeing and development. Through these experiences, children build confidence, independence and life skills as they learn to:

- navigate their local community safely and responsibly
- develop road safety awareness and safe pedestrian practices
- use public transport and understand how their city functions
- build social connections and a sense of community belonging
- explore sustainability, nature and environmental stewardship
- strengthen problem-solving, communication and decision-making skills.

## Child-safe practices

A strong child-safe approach underpins every excursion. All outings are carefully planned in advance, with comprehensive risk assessments completed and reviewed by our leadership team. Families are provided with excursion schedules, detailed information and consent forms prior to participation. Risk assessments and excursion documentation are also available to families through our School Stream app, ensuring transparency and partnership throughout the process.

## A unique location, extraordinary learning

Our unique Docklands location offers children an extraordinary opportunity to experience learning beyond the classroom walls. By regularly engaging with the local community, children develop confidence, resilience and a genuine sense of belonging—learning that they are valued members of the Docklands community today, not just in the future.

## Rich, authentic learning

Through our Out and About Program, we create rich, authentic learning experiences that inspire curiosity, foster independence and help children develop a lifelong connection to their community and the world around them.