

# Monash Children's Hospital

# Fast Facts

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## About us

Monash Children's Hospital is one of Australia's leading providers of integrated children's health services, and one of the largest children's hospitals in Australia.

**We care for more than 100,000 children every year.**

Monash Children's Hospital is part of Monash Health, Victoria's largest healthcare service. From our 19th century origins at the Queen Victoria Hospital for Women and Children and at Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne, children have been at the centre of our service. Today, Monash Children's Hospital is a network of paediatric healthcare services with the main campus co-located with Monash Medical Centre, and services at Dandenong Hospital and Casey Hospital.

Our paediatric services and medical specialities include emergency, neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), paediatric intensive care unit (PICU), cancer, oncology, haematology, respiratory medicine, sleep disorders, gastroenterology,

endocrinology and diabetes, cardiology, neurology, rehabilitation, child protection, developmental medicine, infectious diseases, rheumatology, imaging, eating disorders, mental health, palliative care, general and foetal surgery, urology, plastics, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, ear, nose and throat, and orthopaedic surgery.

We are also the Victorian Referral Centre for many low-volume and high-complex cases. Our services are linked to Monash Medical Centre, allowing us to provide transition-of-care as children become adults. We are committed to delivering specialised, innovative, child and family-centred care, putting patients first and striving for exceptional care and outstanding outcomes.

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## Patient care



**40,000+**

admissions to hospital



**65,000**

outpatient visits



**70,000**

Emergency presentations



**1,800**

admissions to  
Monash Newborn



**7,500** surgeries



**800**

mental health  
admissions



**6,000**

occasions of treatment at  
Monash Children's Cancer Centre

# Our service profile

✓ A paediatric tertiary referral centre for Victoria.

✓ One of the largest children's hospitals in Australia.

✓ One service across three sites (Clayton, Dandenong and Casey).

✓ Monash Newborn is the largest neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in Victoria.

✓ Dedicated Paediatric Intensive Care Unit.

✓ Victoria's only dedicated Children's Sleep Centre.

✓ All paediatric medical and surgical specialties are offered at Monash Children's Hospital.

✓ The only centre for treating paediatric Thalassaemia (genetic blood disorders).

✓ A centre for foetal surgery in Victoria.

✓ Monash Children's at Home service providing care to over 100 children in their own beds at home.

✓ Home of the Victorian Fetal Alcohol Service, a state-wide service run through Monash Children's Hospital.

✓ A teaching hospital and international research centre of Monash University, as part of the renowned Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre.

✓ One of only two hospitals in Victoria to have the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service (VFPMS).

✓ Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service and Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Service on site at Monash Children's Hospital.

✓ Child Life Therapy, Music and Art Therapy provide a variety of services to support the emotional health and wellbeing of children aged from six weeks to 18 years old during their stay.

✓ **Monash Children's Hospital School** is the first Department of Education School within a children's hospital in Australia. School teachers support patients at all 3 sites.

✓ Monash University teaching and education hub on site in Monash Children's Hospital incorporating a Medical Simulation Centre.

✓ Dedicated Paediatric Surgical Simulation Centre in Monash Children's Hospital.

## Location

**Melbourne**, Victoria, Australia

## Total beds

**290** beds (across three sites)

## Campuses

### Monash Children's Hospital


Tertiary hospital with **236** beds:




 **96**  
in-patient beds

 **20**  
same day beds

Dedicated Paediatric  
Emergency  
Department  
at Clayton 

**64**   
Monash Newborn  
cots, which includes  
the Special Care  
Nursery and Neonatal  
Intensive Care Unit

 **12**  
Oncology beds

 **Ronald  
McDonald  
House**

**10**   
Paediatric Intensive  
Care beds

**6**   
sleep centre beds



  
**Ronald McDonald  
Family Room** on site  
at Monash Children's  
Hospital

 **28**  
mental  
health beds

Monash Children's Hospital (**Dandenong**)

 **8** ward beds,  
 **6** special care nursery cots

Monash Children's Hospital (**Casey**)

 **20** ward beds,  
 **20** special care nursery cots

# Providing moments of joy in hospital

Thanks to our incredible partners, we have created an environment that provides holistic care, helping heal both the body and mind of our patients and their families.

Providing young people in our hospital with moments of normalcy and joy wherever we can, is incredibly important to us.

## The Monash Zoo

At Monash Children's Hospital you will find members of our Monash Zoo, a number of beautifully crafted plywood animals located in key waiting zones, providing children with an opportunity for distraction and play.

## The Moose Imagination Tree

The Moose Imagination Tree is a world-class interactive space imagined by The Walt Disney Company, and built by Moose Toys.

This wonderful space has been created for children and adults alike, from the children who have been confined to the hospital due to illness, to those visiting their sick siblings, to parents who need a small sense of relief and happiness during stressful and worrying times. Visitors to the tree are encouraged to explore, restore and play through a variety of sensory experiences.

Standing at over 16 metres tall, the Moose Imagination Tree spans four levels of Monash Children's Hospital and offers up a variety of activities and spaces for visitors to explore, play or relax. This magical and wondrous space has been designed and created to help transform the patient's hospital experience.

## Starlight Room

Run by Captain Starlight and their wonderful volunteers, the Starlight Express Rooms are unique spaces filled with laughter, smiles, fun people and enjoyable activities.

On top of all the live action play, families can enjoy the latest in gaming consoles or kick back and watch a movie together. They can join Captain Starlight in a musical jam session, have their face painted, watch a live magic show, make balloon animals, paint, paste and create amazing crafts or just clown around and have fun.

## Radio Lollipop

Radio Lollipop provides care, comfort, play and entertainment to sick children in hospital. They run a radio show from their studio in the hospital which is broadcast to patients, they also create arts and crafts, play games and bring lots of fun and laughter to the children they visit.

## Hoyts

The Hoyts Beanbag Cinema screens new release movies in a comfortable environment and provides welcome entertainment and distraction for patients and families.

## Clown Doctors

Clown doctors are provided to the Monash Children's Hospital by the Humour Foundation and give bedside entertainment and distraction for patients, providing lots of much needed laughter.

## Kidsafe

**Kidsafe's Community Support Centre**, is located on level 2 of Monash Children's Hospital. Providing parents, carers, health professionals and the general public with a one-stop shop to access resources, information and advice on a range of child injury issues.

## Visiting Pet Park

For many children in hospital for long-term stays, their biggest wish is to see their family pet. Our Visiting Pet Park helps make this wish come true. The Visiting Pet Park is an outdoor, shade-covered enclosure specifically designed for safe animal visits at our hospital.

Research has shown that patients who stay connected to their family units, friends, and pets have better health outcomes.

## Ronald McDonald Family Room

The Family Room offers an inviting space for parents, guardians and carers of paediatric inpatients and outpatients to have a break. The Room includes a lounge room with TV, shower, laundry and kitchenette facilities, and computer and Wi-Fi access.



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