



Children's University Swinburne

Want to develop self-motivated, engaged learners at your school? Our program provides an avenue for your students to not only gain a new perspective on their learning, but also to take control of it.

Swinburne University of Technology is excited to offer Children's University, an innovative program that promotes a love of learning, supports aspirations and celebrates self-directed achievement through extra-curricular opportunities.

About Children's University

Children's University fosters a lifelong learning mindset and supports educational aspirations from a young age, by encouraging and celebrating child-led learning beyond the curriculum and classroom.

Run in partnership with schools, the learning program is aimed at students aged 7-14, with a linked volunteer program for students aged 15-18. As the only university in Victoria offering the Children's University program, we are looking to partner with more schools to bring this exciting program to your school community.

How it works

Students opt into the program and engage in a broad range of fun, self-directed learning opportunities through our partner Learning Destinations. Members are issued a *Passport to Learning* and receive stamps for each activity.

Once they collect a minimum of 30 hours, members are invited to attend a graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements – just like a university student (see our latest Children's University graduation video!).

Program milestones are linked to consecutive award levels which students can build on over a number of years in the program. We support a nominated school representative who will coordinate the group of Children's University members at your school, similar to that of a lunchtime club commitment.

Benefits for your school:

- Nurture more confident learners,
- Improve student attendance and achievement rates,
- Raise your school's profile and build relationships within the community,
- Promote in-school achievement through extracurricular learning opportunities,
- Capitalise on existing extra-curricular programs,
- Supports the Australian Curriculum's general capabilities.

Benefits for students:

- Extended opportunities for learning beyond the classroom
- Explore new talents and passions,
- Make new friends with similar interests,
- Manage and measure their own success,
- Develop leadership skills through self-directed learning,
- Celebrate and be awarded for their achievements.

We work with participating schools to adapt the program to their needs.

Members are charged a small annual membership fee, but there is no cost to the partner school.

Let's get your students on their way to graduation!

For more information about Children's University Swinburne program, go to swinburne.edu.au/childrensuniversity or email us to join at childrensuniversity@swin.edu.au

