

Darebin Play Maps

Play is really important for children's health, wellbeing, learning and development.

Play Maps are a celebration of simple, inexpensive ideas to get all children playing, while exploring the wonderful places and spaces Darebin has to offer.

Hundreds of children and families from across Darebin were asked about why play is important to them, what they enjoyed playing and where and when they like to play. This information was used to create 14 Play Maps covering all of Darebin.

Play Maps are designed to be used by children and families. They can also be used by anyone who works with children and families such as playgroups, kindergartens, childcare, schools and family services.

Ways to use the Play Map?

- To start a conversation with children and families about the importance of play
- · As a way of welcoming new families into the neighbourhood
- To let children and families know about free activities in their area
- As part of the information given to children and families attending your service
- For early years services and schools to use in their teaching curriculum
- As a treasure map
- To hear from children about their play ideas by watching the Play Maps short films on http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/playmaps

Where can I find the Play Maps?

- On the Darebin City Council website: http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/playmaps
- At local community centres, customer service centres, libraries, maternal and child health centres, primary schools, kindergartens, childcare centres and playgroups.

While every effort has been made to make sure the play suggestions are appropriate, families need to use their own judgment to ensure that their children are safe when playing.

Have your say

Feedback on the Play Maps can be given through this online survey:

http://surveys.darebin.vic.gov.au/s3/darebinplaymaps

