



Monash Children's – Monash Medical Centre Clayton
Monash Children's – Dandenong
Monash Children's – Casey

FAST FACTS:

Location:	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Total Beds:	204 beds
Campuses:	Monash Medical Centre Clayton (tertiary) 150 beds total <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 54 ward beds- 20 Neonatal Intensive Care cots- 30 special care nursery cots- 5 dedicated Paediatric Intensive Care beds- 9 dedicated Paediatric emergency stay beds- 6 cancer beds- 6 sleep centre beds- 20 mental health beds- Ronald McDonald House on site- Monash Institute of Medical Research Ritchie Centre Monash Children's – Dandenong 28 beds total <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 16 ward beds- 12 special care nursery cots Monash Children's – Casey (Berwick) 26 beds total <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 20 ward beds- 6 special care nursery beds (expanding to 20 in 2010)
Leadership:	Program Director Professor Nick Freezer Director of Nursing Ms Helen Gillies
Total Staff:	Medical - 95 consultants with 40 registrars and HMOs Nursing - Over 300 full time nurses (equivalent)
Patient Care (07/08):	25 362 children admitted as inpatients (2007-08) Over 47 000 children treated in our emergency departments Over 1 100 premature babies in intensive and special care Over 300 children treated in the Children's Cancer Centre

DID YOU KNOW?

"Monash Children's", Southern Health's multidisciplinary Children's Program, provides a fully integrated primary, secondary and tertiary service to approximately - a quarter of the state's child population. It also plays a central role in delivery of many specialities statewide.

We operate from three major sites serving newborn, child and adolescent needs. The internationally-renowned Monash Medical Centre Clayton operates the only tertiary paediatric service and paediatric intensive care unit in Victoria outside of the Royal Children's Hospital. It provides primary, secondary and all tertiary subspeciality services on an inpatient and outpatient basis. Casey and Dandenong Hospitals offer secondary level services including neonatal special care nurseries.

Our children's wards cater for a wide range of acute and chronic medical and surgical illnesses. The Paediatric Surgical Department covers care pre and post operatively, including renal complications, neurosurgery, ENT and orthopaedics.

Paediatric Emergency includes primary assessment and management of acute illness. Monash Newborn manages the care of premature babies and includes one of only four neonatal intensive care facilities in Victoria.

Mental Health services include outpatient clinics to assess and manage mothers and their infants. The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service provides an outpatient service for patients up to 18 years, and families experiencing emotional, behavioural and social difficulties.

... We are:

- the only designated hospital in Victoria for the highest levels of children's services other than the Royal Childrens
- the paediatric referral centre for many services for children from the Mornington Peninsula, Gippsland and the rest of Victoria
- Victoria's second largest children's hospital on volume
- Australia's third largest children's hospital on volume
- Part of Southern Health, Victoria's largest health service
- An international research centre as part of the renowned Monash Health Research Precinct with Monash University, Prince Henry's Institute and Monash Institute of Medical Research
- One of only four hospitals operating neonatal intensive care facilities in Victoria with Monash Newborn at Monash Medical Centre Clayton
- One of only three hospitals that provide Victoria's children's cancer service with our Children's Cancer Centre at Monash Medical Centre Clayton
- the only paediatric intensive care facilities in Victoria outside the Royal Children's
- the only Children's Sleep Centre in Victoria
- the only centre for treating paediatric thalassaemia (genetic blood disorders)
- the only centre for fetal surgery in Victoria
- the only centre for paediatric cardiac electrophysiology

... We have:

- one service over three campuses offering 204 beds
- over 100 years experience with kids since our days as the Queen Victorian Hospital in Melbourne city
- the only Ronald McDonald House on site in Victoria outside of the Royal Children's

... We care for:

- over 330 000 children aged 0 to 19 right where they live in south eastern Melbourne
- over two thirds the children that Royal Children's Hospital handles and growing fast
- more than 47 000 children in our emergency departments last year
- tens of thousands of children every year as outpatients
- over 300 children with cancer in our Children's Cancer Centre each year, 30% of Victoria's cases
- A child diagnosed with cancer every week.

... Our plans include:

- Building a new facility at Casey Hospital Berwick that expands our special care nursery from 6 to 20 beds) to open in 2010 (underway now).
- expanding our facilities at Monash Medical Centre Clayton with a new children's wing of an extra two wards and extra 64 beds, making it a 200-plus bed children's wing

WHAT WE STAND FOR

As Victoria's second largest and Australia's third largest children's hospital, we:

- use our dandelion symbol to represent our desire for all children to grow, to wish and to live their lives to the fullest
- hold your children in our care and release them into the world with our wish for healthy, fulfilling life, while all parents, families and friends will be reminded of the special time of hope that is childhood and the importance of giving the very best of care
- reflect unique strength that comes from being a major part of Victoria's largest health service, Southern Health.

Monash Children's delivers an integrated paediatric program which:

- Provides appropriate high volume tertiary services
- Provides highly specialised services with the Royal Children's Hospital
- Provides high quality secondary care for the local population
- Focuses on community child and adolescent health
- Operates on a hub-and-spoke model, with Clayton providing a tertiary hub for surrounding secondary and primary services.

Southern Health's goals for a redeveloped paediatric service include:

- World's best practice health care in partnership with children and their families, Royal Children's Hospital tertiary services, community paediatricians, general practitioners and other children's service providers
- Excellence in teaching, training and research that builds on links with Monash University and supports healthcare excellence
- Outreach to ensure services are provided close to where children live in partnership with local providers
- Community based services supporting children and adolescents with chronic and complex needs and those who require rehabilitation

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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