



A visit to the Boroondara Youth Hub

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Social Story

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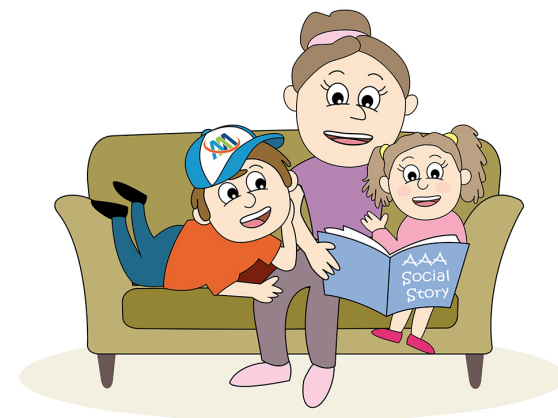
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I am going to visit the Boroondara Youth Hub.

The Hub is on the first floor of the Hawthorn Arts Centre.

I can use the lift or the stairs to get to the Hub.





There are staff at the Hub called youth workers.

Youth workers give support and advice to young people.

Some of the things I can get help with at the Hub include:

- problems at home
- problems with friends
- mental health issues
- school and work issues
- sex and sexuality
- drug and alcohol problems
- housing issues
- legal and financial problems.





Any support or advice I get from the Hub is free.

Anything I talk about with a youth worker may be kept private.

This means youth workers may not tell others what we talk about without my permission, unless safety is at risk.

There are a few ways that I can get help from a Youth worker at the Hub:

- visit the hub between 12 noon and 6 pm. I do not need to make an appointment
- call the hub on (03) 9278 4608 and ask to speak to a youth worker
- fill out a support referral [online](#) and ask a youth worker to contact me.





There are toilets.

A youth worker can show me where

I can hang out and relax at the Hub.

There might be other young people there.

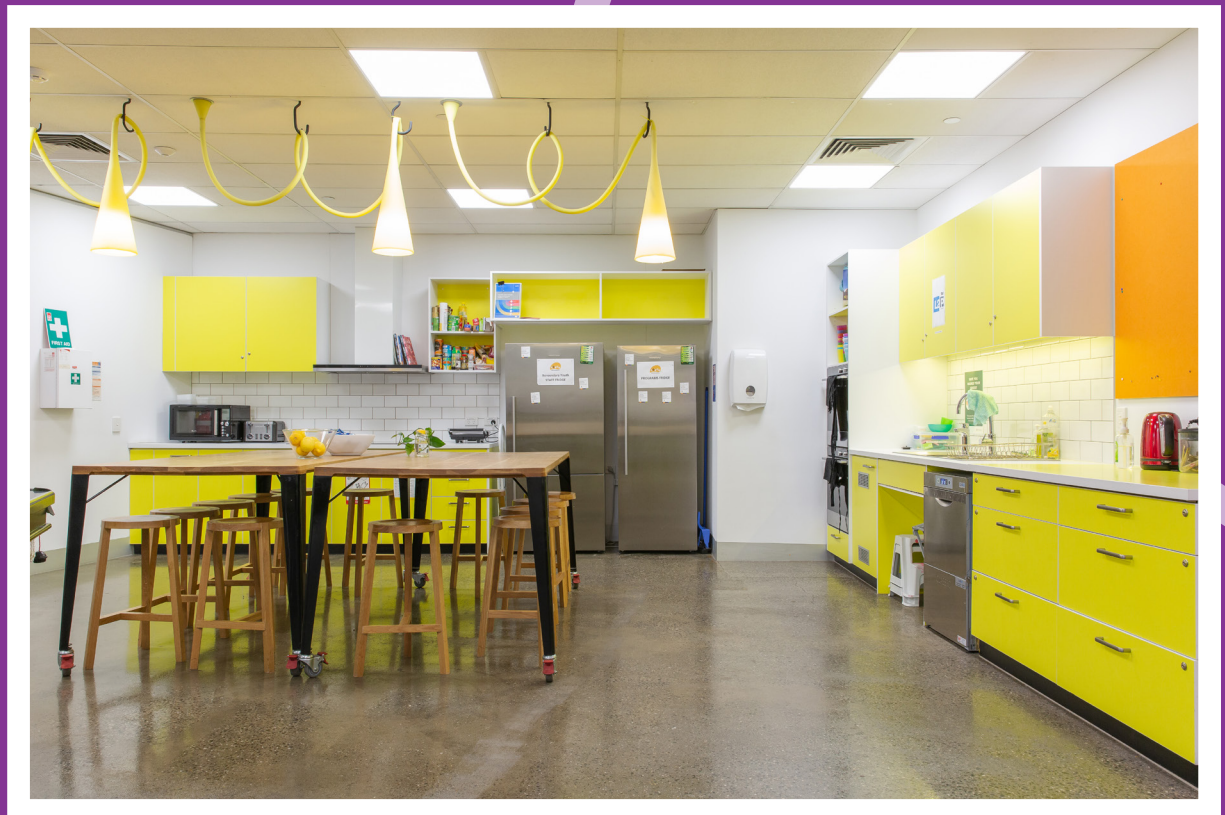




There are lots of activities and things I can do like:

- gaming
- watching TV
- computers with free Wi-Fi
- board games
- pool and table tennis.

There is a kitchen where I can get something to eat or drink.





There is a lizard called Risky who lives at the Hub.

Youth workers sometimes allow people to hold Risky.

There is a music studio.

I need to call the Hub or book online to
use the music studio.





The Hub also runs programs.

Joining a program is a great way for me to meet new people and learn new skills.

The types of programs I might like to do are:

- cooking
- art
- help with future employment and training
- LGBTIQA+ programs
- programs where I get have my say about what happens in my local community
- school holiday activities.

I can learn more about programs [online](#).





Programs may change.

I can ask a youth worker for help.

Sometimes there might be lots of people at the Hub.

I might hear music.

I might hear noise from the gaming area.





To help with the noise, I might bring my ear defenders or ear plugs.

I can ask a youth worker if I can go to a quiet room to relax.



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for me to get support and connect with
people.





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