

What you need to know before buying at Upper Point Cook estate

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Thinking of buying a place in Upper Point Cook estate? Here's what you need to know.

Buying into one of Wyndham's booming housing estates is an ideal way for many young people to make their first move on to the property ladder.

The last of the land at Upper Point Cook has just been released for sale, with prices ranging from \$303,000 to \$562,000.

The estate is about five minutes from the Werribee town centre and 30 minutes from Melbourne CBD — if the traffic allows.

And a no-reserve charity auction, hosted by footy legend Nick Riewoldt and his brother Alex, will be held at 12 Joyce St on Saturday, July 6, to raise money for Maddie Riewoldt's Vision's fight against bone marrow failure syndrome.

The highest bidder will walk away with the keys to the four-bedroom home, which comes with \$50,000 worth of furniture and a Mercedes-Benz A180 hatch.

A display village with 40 houses from various builders is on show at Upper Point Cook to help you decide which home is right for you.

So, here's what you should know about the estate before you move there.



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SHOPPING

The estate is only five minutes from Stockland Point Cook, which boasts a Coles, Woolworths and Aldi, as well as a bunch of other eateries and stores including Target, Rebel Sport, Telstra, Optus and Specsavers.

Featherbrook Village and Sanctuary Lakes Shopping Centre are also a short drive away.



Hoppers Crossing train station is about an eight-minute drive away.

TRANSPORT

Hoppers Crossing train station is about eight minutes away by car, while you can drive to Williams Landing station in about 12 minutes.

Both stations are on the Werribee Line and will get you into the city in under 40 minutes.



Tom Roberts Parade is home to the West Point Soccer Club.

SPORTING GROUNDS

Tom Roberts Parade is about three minutes away by car — or under 20 minutes on foot — from Upper Point Cook estate.

The ground is home to the West Point Soccer Club, which has grown from 114 players when it started in 2014 to 400 last year.

The reserve is also home to the Victorian Strikers Cricket Club.

Saltwater Reserve — home to Point Cook Football Club and Point Cook Cricket Club — is about 5km away, while those who enjoy golf can sign up to Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club and play on the 18-hole Greg Norman-designed championship course.



The growing suburb has childcare centres springing up everywhere.

CHILDCARE

Explorers Early Learning is in the heart of the estate and offers places for children aged from six months to five years, with a strong focus on the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

An in-house cook prepares meals using produce from the centre's edible gardens and local suppliers and gardening, music, art, speech therapy and French classes are on offer.

Nearby Point Cook P-9 College has partnered with YMCA to offer childcare facilities, while Nino Early Learning Adventures and Kids on the Rise are also close by.



Most homes in Upper Point Cook are zoned for Point Cook P-9 College. Picture: Tony Gough

SCHOOLS

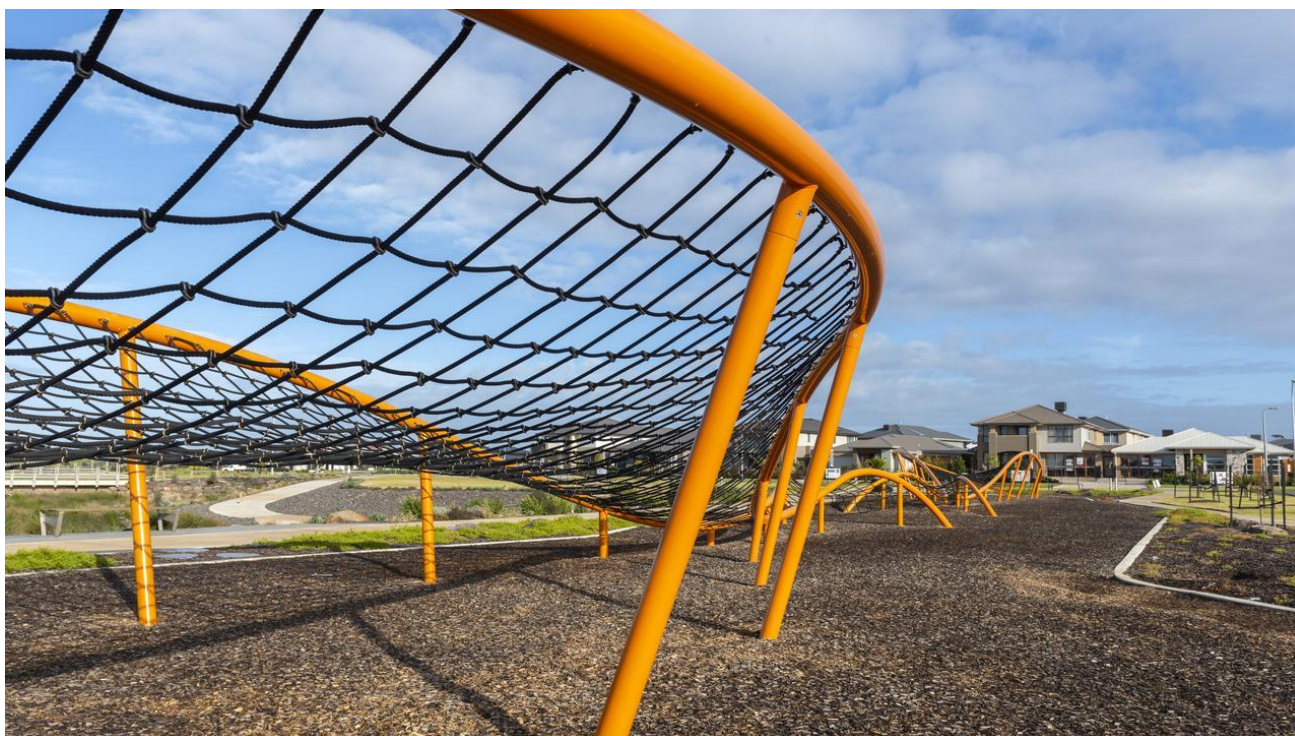
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The school opened in 2010 and has about 1162 students enrolled at primary level and 340 across Years 7-9.

The college has an environmental science room, a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and offers an English as an Additional Language program for students from a non-English speaking background.

The nearest senior school is Point Cook Senior Secondary College, which caters to about 850 students across Years 10, 11 and 12.

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School is a coeducational Prep to Grade 6 school which opened in 2006 and had about 600 students enrolled last year.



The huge climbing frame near Bensonhurst Parade Reserve is a popular attraction for kids.

RECREATION

There are 14ha of open space dotted throughout Upper Point Cook estate, including a 600m cycling path ideal for mountain bikes and BMXs.

A playground recently opened at Bensonhurst Parade Reserve, offering a flying fox, swings, climbing ropes, a 10m-high tower slide, skate ramps and an undercover barbecue area with free Wi-Fi.

Just down the road there's a huge 80 to 100m-long climbing frame next to a man-made lake bursting with wildlife.

A free year-round fitness camp is currently running at Wetlands Park in Upper Point Cook at 5.30pm Monday to Friday, offering boxing, cross training and yoga.

WHAT'S PLANNED

- Bensonhurst Parade Reserve, in the heart of the Upper Point Cook estate, will be a \$15.7 million sporting precinct — but the community could be waiting up to 10 years for the project to be completed. Once finished, the 10ha site will include four soccer fields, a cricket pitch and four cricket nets, eight tennis courts with lighting and a pavilion with change rooms and other amenities. It is on track to be the largest park to service the Point Cook community since the development of Saltwater Reserve in 2013.

- Point Cook is set to welcome a market selling locally grown fruit and veg, meat and homewares across nearly 100 stores. Starr Point Market, the first of its kind in Melbourne's west, was in March given the go-ahead by the state's planning tribunal.
- The planned East Werribee Employment Precinct is expected to bring 58,000 jobs to the area with offices, a sports complex, botanic gardens and waterfront cafes, bars and restaurants slated.

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