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Fast Facts

1. Melbourne's population of 0-4 year olds is most concentrated in outer suburbs, hence the highest kindergarten enrolments are in Casey, followed by Brimbank.
2. School retention rates in Years 10-12 have risen across Melbourne over the last 20 years in all school sectors (Government, Catholic and private).
3. Over 60% of primary students get to school by car in most local government areas, 20-40% walk and less than 10% go by bicycle. Public transport use is higher for secondary than for primary students, at 40% compared to 4%.
4. The proportion of Melbourne's population aged 15 years and over with university degrees almost tripled between 1981 and 2001, increasing from 6% to 16%.
5. Participation in Victorian Vocational Education and Training (VET) increased by 44% between 1995 and 2004, particularly for women, (a 56.7% rise), compared to men (a 33.9% rise).
6. At 28% of all students, Victoria has the second highest share of Australia's international students, after NSW - one out of every five students studying in Victorian universities is now an international student.
7. Of the 36% increase in residents in the City of Melbourne between 1996 and 2001, 86% were students.
8. Deakin, La Trobe, Melbourne, Monash, RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria university campuses educate around 25% of Australia's university students (2003).