

RIDING LESSONS FACT SHEET



Valley Park Riding School
86 O'Briens Lane
Templestowe, Vic, 3106
E: info@valleyparkriding.com.au
Valley Park Bookings - **0475 00 00 88**

If you are eager to learn how to ride, we have experienced instructors and staff, many of whom are **Horse Safety Australia accredited**, to help you develop the confidence and skill-set to safely ride and handle a horse. We cater for all levels of experience and ages, from kindy kids to mature adults.

If you are a more advanced rider, we have horses that will help you develop good horsemanship skills to competition standard.

We have horses that are trained specifically for all riders. However, we do offer lessons to clients that do own their own horses and would like to bring them to our site (by prior arrangement).

What sort of riding lessons are available?

We cater for all rider types and ages and lessons are tailored to suit your level of riding experience. If you are a complete beginner we will work with you on the basics of riding. However, if your riding is at more of an intermediate level, we can work on Show Jumping, Dressage and even Cross Country. Our Instructors at Valley Park Riding School have experience in most disciplines.

Term or Casual Riding – which one should you choose?

We offer riding lessons on a casual basis and also a block Term booking (weekly or fortnightly attendance). The Term follows regular school term dates.

If you would like to secure a place for the Term, payment in full is required prior to the commencement of the Term. A 5% discount is also offered to weekly Term clients, subject to terms and conditions.

Term bookings secure your place for the Term (as group bookings fill quickly). We also try to accommodate your pony preference for the entire Term (subject to the pony remaining in work during the period).

We do recommend, however, that you ride different horses/ponies so as to gain more riding experience.

We also offer block bookings to adult regular riders wishing to make advanced block bookings.

GROUP LESSONS - CHILDREN

Children's group lessons are available for beginners up to intermediate riders. Lessons run Monday to Friday from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm and **on the hour** on Saturday and Sunday.

Children's group lessons run for 2 hours and consist of 30 minutes to helmet and boot up, groom and practical handling, followed by 1 hour riding in the arena. The lesson wraps up with 30 minutes of theory and practical handling.

Total Duration: 2 hours

Riding Time: 1 hour

Price: \$80 per person (*this rate applies to midweek & weekend riding*)

Maximum # persons per group: 7

RIDER CHECKLIST:

What do I wear?

- Long pants - jodhpurs, jeans, tracksuit pants, long pants (no shorts or skirts)
- Long or short sleeved shirt (t shirt or collared/polo shirt, no singlets)
- Fully enclosed shoes with a small heel, riding boots, or gumboots. No sneakers or runners. We have a limited number of riding boots available for you to wear
- Waterproof rain jacket as riding still takes place in the rain

What does VPRS provide?

- VPRS provides you with a helmet
- VPRS has a range of riding boots which may be borrowed but we are unable to guarantee size availability
- VPRS has a range of merchandise available for purchase eg jodhpurs, helmets, riding boots and safety vests – merchandise must be paid for prior to use. VPRS accepts payment via bank transfer or cash (credit card facilities not available)

What do I bring?

- Completed VPRS Consent & Indemnity & Student Registration Forms for every rider
- You can bring your own helmet (Aust Stand 3838) or we will supply you with a helmet on the day
- Sunscreen and hat for the warmer months
- Waterproof jacket for the colder months as riding still takes place in the rain
- A drink so you stay well hydrated
- Food/snacks (please be mindful of other attendees and follow regular school protocols re peanuts and other allergens)
- All personal items to be clearly labelled with your name & phone number

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GROUP LESSONS – ADULTS

There are numerous adult group lessons throughout the week and on the weekend for those who would like to learn to ride. All prices quoted include GST.

Midweek - on week days, Adult group lessons run for 1 hour and consist of 15 minutes to helmet and boot up, groom and practical handling and 45 minutes riding in the arena.

Weekends - on weekends, Adult group lessons run for 1½ hours and consist of 30 minutes to helmet and boot up, groom and practical handling and 1 hour riding in the arena.

Midweek Adult Group:

Total Duration: 1 hour

Riding Time: 45 minutes

Price: \$60 per person (midweek)

Maximum # persons per group: 6

Special Note: If you are placed into a group but are the only student in attendance, private lesson rates will apply.

Weekend Adult Group:

Total Duration: 1½ hours

Riding Time: 1 hour

Price: \$80 per person (Saturday & Sunday)

Maximum # persons per group: 6

Special Note: If you are placed into a group but are the only student in attendance, private lesson rates will apply.

PRIVATE LESSONS – CHILDREN and ADULTS

To fit in with busy lives, we offer private lessons for any age and ability. Private lessons can be arranged any time between 8.00am and 8.00pm Monday to Sunday. Midweek and weekend rates applicable.

Children's and Adult private lessons run for 1 hour and consist of 15 minutes helmet and boot up time followed by 45 minutes riding in the arena. All prices quoted include GST.

Midweek Private:

Total Duration: 1 hour

Riding Time: 45 minutes

Price: *\$88 per person (midweek)

Maximum # persons per group: Private one on one

Weekend Private:

Total Duration: 1 hour

Riding Time: 45 minutes

Price: \$100 per person (Saturday & Sunday)

Maximum # persons per group: Private one on one

SEMI-PRIVATE LESSONS – CHILDREN and ADULTS

We also offer semi-private lessons and the length of the lesson depends on the number of riders in the class.

If 2 riders in the semi-private lesson, the lesson consists of 15 mins to helmet and boot up, groom and practical handling and 1 hour riding in the arena.

If 3 riders in the semi-private lesson, the lesson consists of 30 mins to helmet and boot up, groom and practical handling and 1 hour riding in the arena. All prices quoted include GST.

Midweek Semi Private:

Total Duration: 1¼ hours (2 riders) or 1½ hours (3 riders)

Riding Time: 1 hour on the arena

Price: \$80 per person

Maximum # persons per group: 3

Weekend Semi Private:

Total Duration: 1¼ hours (2 riders) or 1½ hours (3 riders)

Riding Time: 1 hour on the arena

Price: \$90 per person

Maximum # persons per group: 3

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KINDY GROUP LESSONS – 4-5 yo

We offer Kindy lessons for children aged 4yrs and 5yrs who are still in Kindergarten. This is a smaller version of the children's group and goes for 45 minutes. The lesson consists of approximately 5 minutes to helmet and boot up, 10 minutes of grooming/tack up and a 30 minute riding lesson in the arena. Midweek and weekend rates applicable. The maximum number of children in the group is 2, unless there are special circumstances and you wish to book a group of friends together. Just ask us and we'll try to accommodate your needs. All prices quoted include GST.

Midweek Kindy Group:

Total Duration: 45 minutes

Riding Time: 30 minutes

Price: \$40 per person (midweek)

Maximum # persons per group: 2

Weekend Kindy Group:

Total Duration: 45 minutes

Riding Time: 30 minutes

Price: \$50 per person (Saturday & Sunday)

Maximum # persons per group: 2

KINDY PRIVATE LESSONS – 4-5 yo

We also offer private Kindy lessons for children aged 4 and 5 years who are still in Kindergarten. Private Kindy lessons can be arranged any time between 8.00am and 8.00pm Monday to Sunday. Midweek and weekend rates applicable.

Kindy private lessons run for 45 minutes and consist of 10 minutes to helmet, boot up and tack up, followed by a 35 minute riding lesson in the arena. All prices quoted include GST.

Midweek Kindy Private:

Total Duration: 45 minutes

Riding Time: 35 minutes

Price: \$50 per person (midweek)

Maximum # persons per group: Private one on one lesson

Weekend Kindy Private:

Total Duration: 45 minutes

Riding Time: 35 minutes

Price: \$60 per person (Saturday and Sunday)

Maximum # persons per group: Private one on one lesson

PONY RIDES – minimum age 3 years

VPRS offers short pony rides around the property (subject to availability). The minimum age requirement is 3 years.

The 30 minutes includes helmet and boot up time. Weekends can be extremely busy so please either book in advance or telephone a few hours ahead on the day in question to check that we can accommodate your child. All prices quoted include GST.

Midweek Pony Ride:

Total Duration: 30 minutes

Riding Time: 15 minutes

Price: \$25 per child

Weekend Pony Ride:

Total Duration: 30 minutes

Riding Time: 15 minutes

Price: \$35 per child

Ready Set Trot – a program developed by Equestrian Australia and Pony Club Australia

Valley Park Riding School is proud to be an authorised delivery centre for Equestrian Australia's Ready Set Trot program. Have a chat to us if you would like to find out more about the 4 Ribbon Level Certificate program on offer to regular riders or visit the Ready Set Trot website at <https://www.readysettrot.com/> for further information.



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Q & A's

HOW DO I PROCEED WITH A BOOKING?

Send an email to info@valleyparkriding.com.au or call us on **0475 00 00 88** to make a booking.

WHEN IS MY BOOKING SECURED?

Upon receipt of payment, your booking is secured and confirmed.

HOW TO PAY:

Payments can be made via EFT (within 48 hours of phone booking) to the following account:

BSB: 633-000

Account No: 151922804

Account Name: Valley Park Riding School

***Reference:** Please use your Surname and date as the payment reference eg **SMITH15OCT**.

If you are paying for a Term, please use your initial and Surname followed by "T4" to indicate a term payment, for example **A SMITH T4**.

On the day of riding, any outstanding balances need to be paid in cash or via EFT. No credit card facilities available.

SECURING YOUR BOOKING

We require payment in advance via cash or EFT to secure your booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY

VPRS has a strict cancellation policy. Please review VPRS terms and conditions on our website at www.valleyparkriding.com.au. To review the Terms and Conditions, click on the 'More Info' tab, then 'Terms and Conditions'. Please familiarise yourself with our terms and conditions, which are subject to change without notice.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Lessons still operate in all weather conditions. Only when the temperature exceeds 38°C or above and/or severe weather conditions will cause cancellation of lessons. VPRS will notify the responsible person if the booking is cancelled due to inclement weather or call us no sooner than 1 hour prior to the lesson for an update.

WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Please check in with our office approximately 10 minutes prior to your booked time to finalise your paperwork, and to helmet and boot up.

Late arrivals risk a compromised time schedule. If you arrive after the scheduled commencement time, the total duration of your lesson will be reduced.

Riders are also required to attend the office to check out after you have been dismissed by your instructor.

WHAT DO I NEED TO WEAR AND BRING?

VPRS Consent & Indemnity and Student Registration Forms are required for every rider. No form, no ride.

To save time, please print and complete the VPRS Consent & Indemnity and Student Registration Forms prior to your arrival. These forms are available for download from our website.

Please refer to the Rider Checklist (page 1). Additional information is also outlined below.

WHAT WE SUPPLY:

We provide safety helmets for everyone. We also have a large number of riding boots in assorted sizes that you are welcome to borrow for your lesson.

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YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US:

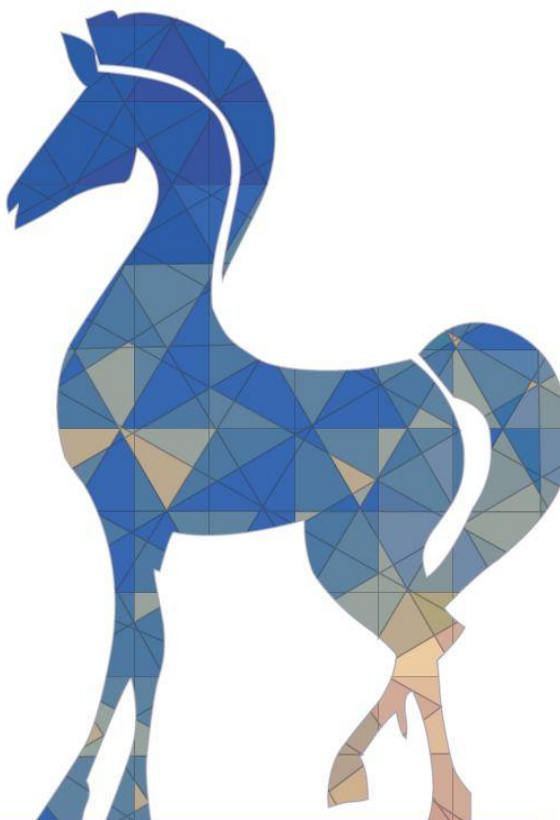
Horse riding is a high risk sport, your choice to ride is voluntary. We take care to provide suitable and safe horses and ponies for our customers, but all animals can be unpredictable. The VPRS Indemnity & Student Registration Form MUST be completed and signed by the parent or authorised legal guardian prior to undertaking any horse activity. Parents participating in Kindy lessons or pony rides are also required to complete a VPRS Consent & Indemnity Form.

PARKING:

Limited parking is available in O'Briens Lane. Motor vehicles are not permitted to enter VPRS unless previously authorised by Trish Boys, VPRS Proprietor.

CAR POOLING:

We strongly urge parents to car pool, where possible, as there is limited parking available in O'Briens Lane.



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