

Preston

City of Darebin

Preston is a suburb of Melbourne, Victoria, 9 km North from Melbourne's Central Business District. Its local government area is the City of Darebin.

As part of the City of Darebin, Preston has an active and eclectic artists and DIY community which is contemporary, experimental and culturally diverse. Writers, musicians and visual artists flock to the locality for performance, collaboration and acceptance. Darebin celebrates with regular festivals and events such as the Darebin Music Feast and the now defunct High Vibes Festival.

Preston has a wide variety of restaurants, including fine dining and fast food. High Street has been transformed lately with many new cafes and restaurants opening and becoming popular with the youth in the area.

Niche cafés and restaurants have opened in the suburb inviting patrons to dine in unusual settings, such as the pay what you can style of Lentil as Anything, in Preston.

Preston is serviced by trams, trains and extensive bus systems. The suburb is serviced by two train stations, Bell and Preston, both located on the South Morang railway line. A number of trams services operate though the suburb, including tram route 11 to Collins Street, tram route 86 to Docklands, and tram route 112 to Fitzroy Street.

Sport;

Preston is home to the Northern Blues AFL club and the West Preston Football Club. The suburb also has many junior football teams, including the Northern Knights and the Preston Bullants Junior Football club whose home ground is Preston City Oval. The Darebin Falcons Women's AFL team play in the VWFL.

The Preston City Oval is also home to the Preston Cricket Club and the Preston Lions Football Club (Soccer Team).

There are a few grounds around the Northland Shopping Centre, adjacent to Wood Street. Grounds are maintained very well, and people play cricket in summer and footy during other times. Joggers are visible in all grounds.

Education;

Preston is home to many schools. The primary schools include Preston West Primary, Preston Primary, Preston South Primary, Preston North East Primary, Sacred Heart Primary, Bell Primary and St. Raphael's Primary. The high schools are Preston Girls Secondary College and Parade College Preston Campus. As well as there being a St. John's Greek Orthodox College and East Preston Islamic College which both offer primary and secondary education, and the NMIT Preston Campus offering TAFE courses and training. There is also The Northern College of the Arts and Technology which caters for Year 10, VCE, VCAL and post-secondary students seeking a specialised education.

