



PRACTICE DIRECTION No. 2 of 2025

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* for the purpose of directing the listing arrangements for metropolitan Melbourne criminal and intervention order matters and applies with effect from 10 November 2025.

1. In the Melbourne metropolitan area, criminal, family violence and personal safety intervention order cases (“cases”) where the respondent is a child will be listed at dedicated Children’s Court of Victoria venues.
2. The Children’s Court of Victoria has designated catchment areas for all metropolitan Children’s Court venues as shown in the attached diagram.
3. Where a child’s residential address falls within a catchment area, their case(s) will be listed at the following venues:

Broadmeadows Children’s Court¹:

- Northwest

Dandenong Children’s Court²:

- Southeast

Melbourne Children’s Court³:

- East

¹ Cnr Dimboola Road & Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows

² 153 Foster Street, Dandenong

³ 477 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

- Northeast
- Central
- West

Moorabbin Children's Court⁴:

- South
- Peninsula

Wyndham Children's Court⁵:

- Southwest

Listing of a new case

4. Cases are be listed in accordance with the Children's Court Metropolitan Crime Listing Tool⁶.

Where a child has more than one case for mention

5. Where a case is sought to be adjourned and the child has another case or cases listed on that day or any day at any venue for mention, the legal practitioner for the child must ensure that the cases are abridged and, subject to the discretion of the presiding judicial officer, the cases will be adjourned as a group and if applicable in accordance with paragraph 3.

Adjournment of cases

6. Where the parties seek to adjourn a case to a:
 - a) contest mention;
 - b) directions hearing;
 - c) contested hearing; or

⁴ 1140 Nepean Highway, Highett

⁵ 17 Basalt Rd, Werribee

⁶ Available on the Children's Court of Victoria website at : [Children's Court Metropolitan Crime Listing | Childrens Court of Victoria](#)

d) in any other case,
the case is to be listed at the venue in accordance with the catchment area as set out in paragraph 3.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children and young people

7. Where the child:

- a) is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
 - b) currently resides in either the West, Central, Northeast or East catchment,
- subject to paragraph 9, their case/s are to be listed at the Melbourne Children's Court on a Tuesday.

Where the child at the time of the offence is under the age of 14

8. Any case, existing or new, where the child:

- a) at the time of the offence is under the age of 14; and
 - b) currently resides in either the West, Central, Northeast or East catchment,
- subject to paragraph 9, is to be listed at the Melbourne Children's Court on a Friday.

Part Heard Cases

9. The listing of cases that are part heard before a judicial officer is subject to the discretion of that judicial officer.

This Practice Direction commences on 10 November 2025.



Judge Jack Vandersteen

President, Children's Court of Victoria
10 November 2025

