

About Paediatric Cancer

Australia has one of the highest rates of paediatric cancer in the world



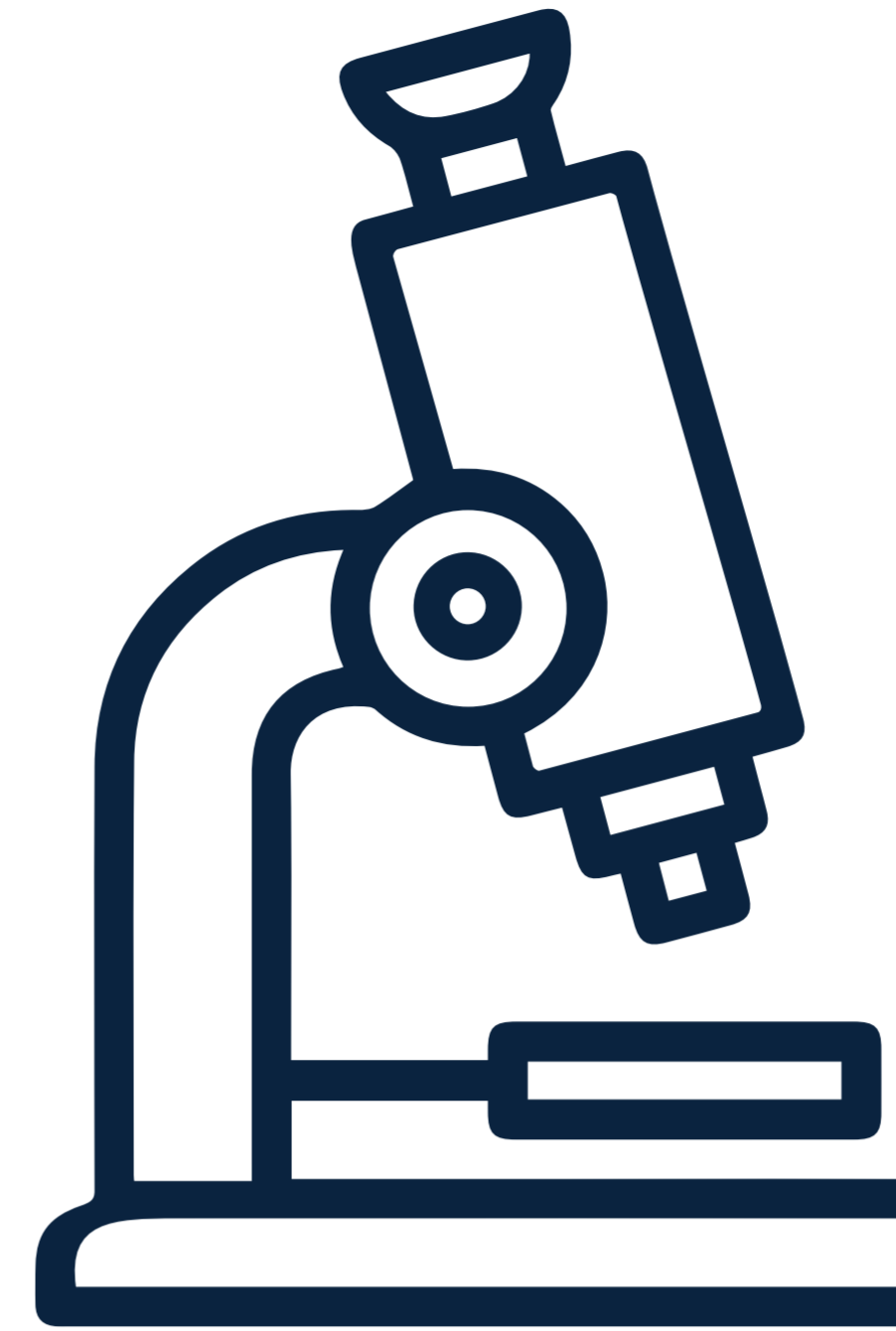
Aged 0-14 years are diagnosed with cancer across the country each year

With an estimated **280-300** diagnoses occurring in Victoria



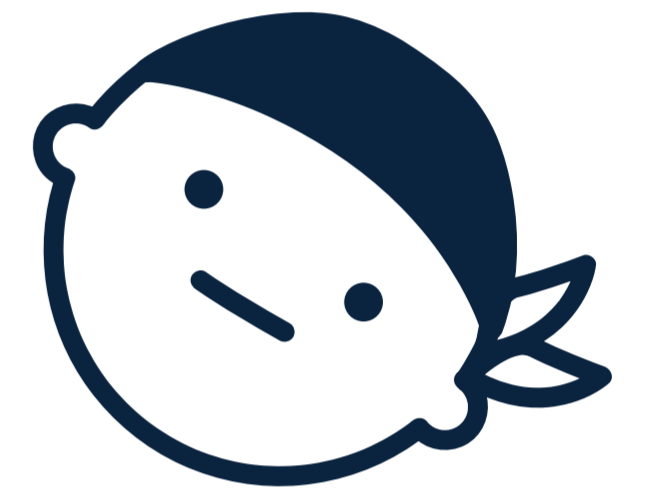
On average
3 children die each week
from cancer in Australia.

Current Research



A recent study found that the **rate of childhood cancer had steadily increased over the past 40 years** and that the overall childhood cancer incidence rate in Australia was expected **to rise an additional 7% between 2015 and 2035**

Despite significant overall improvements in survival rates over the past fifty years, **cancer remains the leading disease-related cause of death among Australian children.**



Current Treatment

Certain types of cancers have seen very limited improvements in survival rates



Sarcoma



Neuroblastoma



Brain Cancer

Children who survive a cancer diagnosis will **suffer long-term or even life-long health issues** from what tend to be intensive and lengthy treatments.



These treatments can include



Chemotherapy



Radiation Therapy

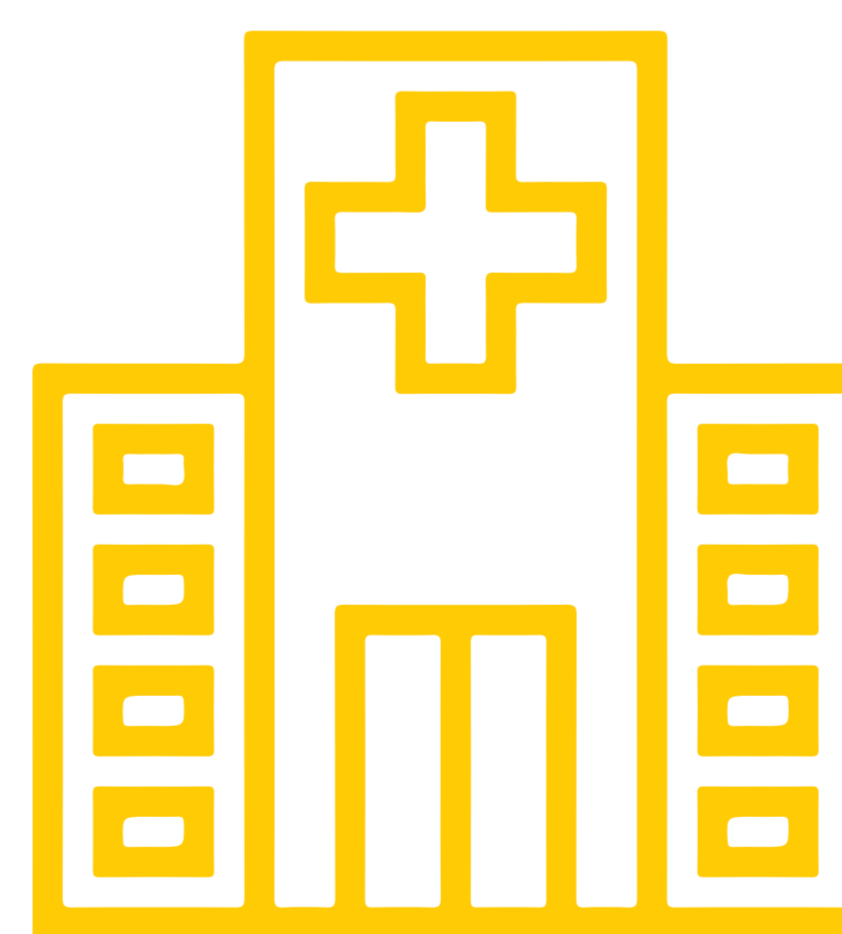


Bone Marrow Transplant



Stem Cell Transplant

The Families Experience



Added to this, the experience of recurrent hospital admissions, invasive treatments, as well as an often-uncertain prognosis **can lead to chronic stress for children and families.**

There is also a significant economic burden for families that is associated with paediatric cancer, **imposing lifelong economic costs on survivors.**

