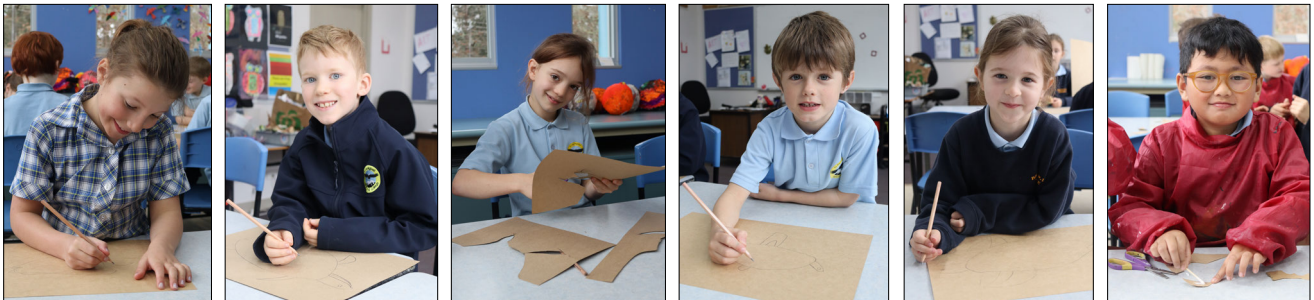


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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

Yr 1/2 ART

Year 1 & 2 students, taking inspiration from the Dreamtime story 'How the Turtle Got Its Shell', drew a turtle and started to collage patterns on its shell in preparation for a collagraph print.



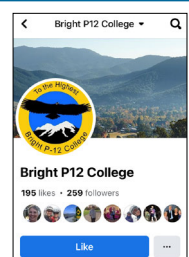
Yr 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

In preparation for their cross country ski excursion, our Yr 10 Outdoor Ed class learnt techniques using roller-skis at school. Then, at Falls Creek last week, Year 12 VET Certificate III Sport & Recreation students ran cross country ski skills development activities with our Year 10 students. We were lucky to have received fresh snow and enjoy a bluebird day. Year 10 students gave very positive feedback about their Year 12 instructors. More photos on page 4.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Families of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 should have received their children's 2026 NAPLAN results.

As a school, we are pleased to see that our students continue to perform strongly. Across the majority of assessment areas and year levels, Bright P-12 College is consistently achieving results above those of similar schools and our local network schools.

These results reflect the ongoing commitment of our teaching and learning teams, the dedication of our classroom and subject teachers, and, most importantly, the hard work of our students in developing and applying their knowledge and skills.

While NAPLAN provides just one snapshot of student learning, it offers valuable information that helps us celebrate success, identify areas for continued growth, and ensure every student is supported to achieve their personal best.

Congratulations to all of our students and staff on these excellent results, and thank you to our families for your continued support of learning at home.

We have received an increase in requests for students who do not normally travel by bus to access bus services. To ensure the safety and accurate management of all students, families must contact the school office at least 72 hours prior to the intended day of travel. A bus travel request form must be completed and approved by the Principal before travel can occur.

In emergency situations, an extraordinary approval may be requested and considered. However, families should be aware that if a bus reaches capacity, priority will always be given to students who are registered, regular bus travellers. We appreciate your cooperation in following these procedures.

We are holding Primary School Tours every Tuesday at 9:15am and Secondary School Tours on request. If these times do not suit your family, please contact us to arrange an alternative day and time. We encourage any prospective families interested in learning more about Bright P-12 College to get in touch.

The Primary playground project is underway. We have had generous assistance of the McConnachie family with Marc from McConnachie Drainage and Excavations spending the day drilling fence post holes and expertly landscaping the site with his excavator, a crowd favorite with the Primary onlookers!

Mathew Gray - Acting Principal

Year 7 in 2027 Information Night

6 - 6:45pm, Thursday 3rd September at Bright P-12 College

Starting Secondary school is a big step and we're here to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Students and parents/carers are invited to join us in the school library for our Year 7 in 2027 Information Night to learn everything you need to know about the transition process and what to expect next year.

This is a fantastic chance to:

- Get valuable information about starting Secondary school
- Ask questions of our staff, current students and other families
- Connect with others who are also making the transition

We look forward to seeing you there. If you can't attend, but would like to see our school, please contact us to arrange a tour.

Transition day: Tuesday 8th December

Bright P-12 College, Bakers Gully Rd, Bright 3741
Email: bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

All calendar events are subject to change.
Please check Compass for most up-to-date calendar.

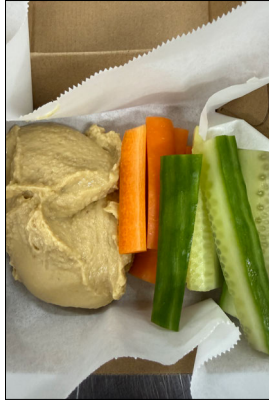
AUGUST

5 AUG	Yr 5/6 Hume Winter Sports
5-7 AUG	Yr 10 & 12 Outdoor Ed 3-day caving excursion, Wee Jasper
10-14 AUG	Yr 8 & 10 Mental Health First Aid Training
13 AUG	Yr 2-6 boys Basketball Victoria incursion
17 AUG	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB training
19 AUG	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Buffalo Boulders excursion, Myrtleford

NEXT STUDENT FREE DAY: Wednesday 9th September

CANTEEN

Mel is settling in well to the canteen. She's been working with Darren Wood to make the canteen more sustainable - composting food scraps, recycling soft plastics and talking to suppliers about options for bulk items to reduce packaging. Salad from the school garden is being used in the salad rolls, and other produce including fresh herbs and tomatoes from our greenhouse are being used in the bolognese sauce. Mel is looking forward to using spring produce when the weather warms up. So far, the most popular school lunch orders are sushi and pizza.



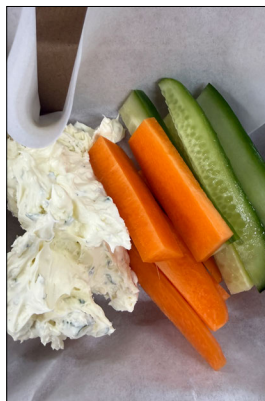
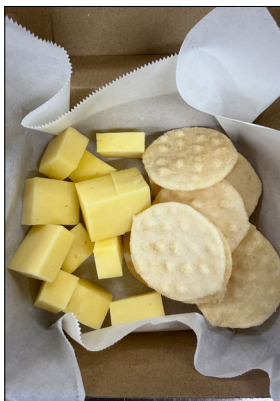
A huge THANK YOU to the people who have already volunteered to help out in the canteen.

We are looking for more volunteers who are available from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Volunteer duties may include:

- Serving students and staff
- Preparing food
- Assisting with cooking meals
- General canteen support

As a thank you for your time, we will provide a complimentary school lunch for your child/children on the day you volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer, please see 17 July Compass email from Mat Gray with all the details.



PRIMARY PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Work to upgrade a section of our Primary playground started this week. The improvements are designed to create an inclusive, interactive and safe outdoor space for our students, while also increasing shade and cooling through the addition of vegetation and natural materials that resist heat absorption.

To ensure the safety of students, staff and contractors during the works, temporary fencing has been installed around the project area. Two small entrance gates near the bus stop have been secured to eliminate access to the site. Students can still access the school via the double gates and the remaining small gate in the bus stop area on Park Street. There will be no changes to access via the entrance near the bike shed.

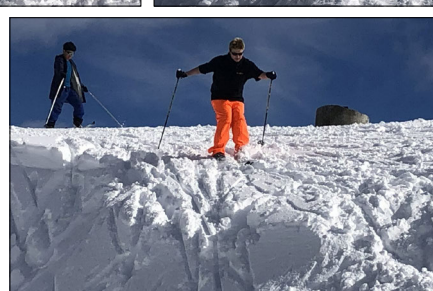
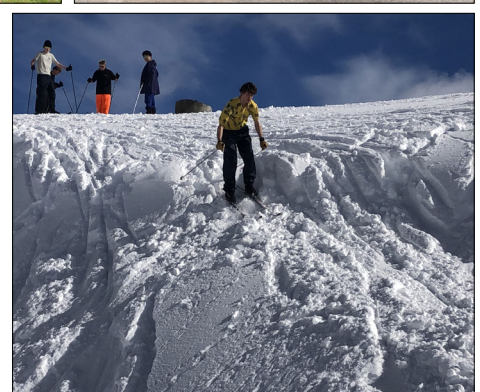
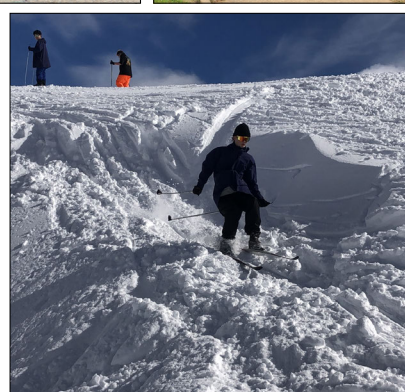
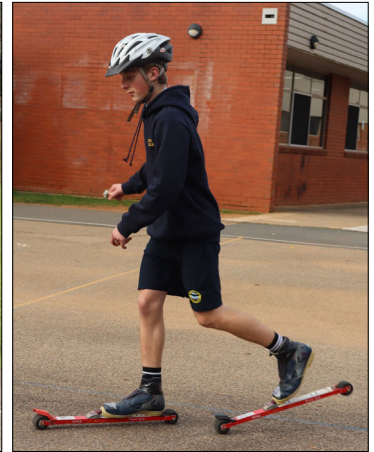
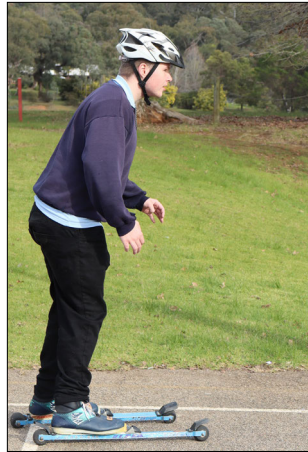
The grassed areas have been cordoned off to protect the grass in the winter months. As we head into spring, top dressing and aeration works will be completed to improve spring growth and ensure the grass is resilient to the high traffic of a school environment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation while these works are completed. We look forward to sharing the new playground with students once the project is finished, which is expected to be the end of Term 3.

These upgrades have been made possible through the generous support and donations of our school community.



Yr 10 OUTDOOR ED ctd...



VCE VM WORK PLACEMENT REFLECTION

Hi, I am Leonard C and I am in Year 11 at Bright P-12 College. I am undertaking VCE Vocational Major (VM) and am working at completing a School Based Apprenticeship (SBAT) in Commercial Cookery. I am undertaking my training at the Bright Brewery two days a week.

Since beginning my SBAT in December last year I have regularly:

- assisted with food prep by safely handling ingredients
- followed hygiene procedures and
- ensured all items were prepared accurately and on time for service

I have worked in the food service industry by serving customers efficiently and maintaining a positive and friendly workplace experience. I regularly clean cooking appliances by thoroughly sanitising kitchen equipment and maintaining cleanliness standards to ensure a safe and organised work environment. The highlight of my job is the people I work with, my colleagues are supportive and make the job fun to do.

I would encourage anyone interested in completing a trade to start in Secondary school by doing the VCE VM pathway. It is practical learning that builds real skills and leads to work, TAFE or apprenticeships whilst still gaining a VCE qualification.



MUSIC PROGRAM



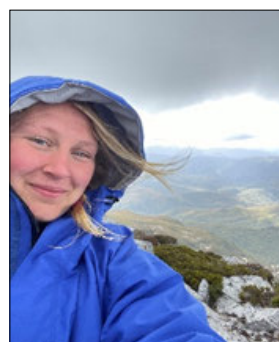
In 2026, Bright P-12 College is proud to offer a diverse and growing Instrumental Music Program, with students from Prep to Year 10 taking part in individual or paired lessons. Our instrumental teachers, Effy Deng, Vikki Dornom, Emili Rackemann, Fenella O'Sullivan, Akeidha Alexander and Carolyn Moore, support students in learning piano, brass, guitar, bass, ukulele, flute and voice, while developing their musical skills, confidence and creativity. We also offer P-2 Choir, Years 3-6 Choir, Secondary Choir and Secondary Contemporary Band during lunchtimes, providing students with further opportunities to play music together.

In the Year 8 Music classroom, students are also experiencing the excitement of building bands with their peers. Through collaborative rehearsals and performances, students are developing their ensemble skills, musicianship and confidence while learning to perform together as a band.



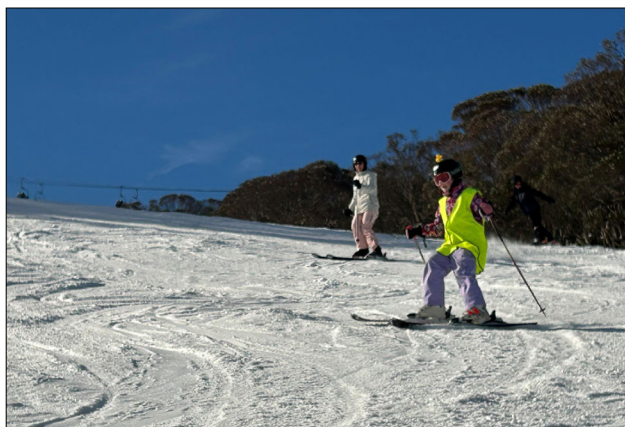
Looking ahead, we hope to welcome a drum teacher to our Instrumental Music Program in response to the growing interest in drum lessons among our Primary students. Expanding our instrumental offerings will help students develop the skills and experience they need to confidently form and perform in bands as they progress through their Secondary years.

We are currently looking for a drum teacher! If you know of any drum teachers who would like to teach students at our school, please contact us via phone on (03) 5755 1166 or email bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au



SNOW PROGRAM - GTTS

Students have encountered a mix of conditions over the first three days of the 2026 Go to the Snow (GTTS) program. From beautiful blue skies to pretty epic powder days, and everything in between, students have really impressed with their “get out there and go” attitudes. With some more snowfalls in the forecast, we can’t wait to see what the next two weeks have in store for us.



Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 9 Outdoor Education students spent the day at Falls Creek, learning how to cross-country ski with help from two Year 12 students studying VET Certificate III Sport & Recreation. There was limited snow, but it was still a fun day. Year 9 and Year 12 students all did a great job.



DINNER PLAIN CAMPUS

With term in full swing and everyone settled into routines, learning programs are running smoothly and we are now looking ahead and making plans to host our first DP Campus Community Day (see below). We were excited to wake up to a winter wonderland recently. A fresh blanket of snow had fallen overnight and offered a magical environment for the students and teachers to explore and play in.



DINNER PLAIN CAMPUS COMMUNITY DAY

On Thursday 27 August between 12pm and 2pm, Dinner Plain Campus will host a special Community Day, bringing together students, families, local businesses and the wider community to celebrate everything that makes Dinner Plain such a unique place to live and visit.

Inspired by the Dinner Plain Future Directions project, students have been exploring what makes our alpine village special and how we can help share its story with others. The event will showcase student learning through a fun, interactive community experience, featuring a student-designed stamp trail, hands-on activities, local history, environmental education and opportunities to connect with local businesses and organisations.

The day will also enable us to raise valuable funds for a charity close to the hearts of the Dinner Plain School (and wider community), the Friends of the Earth Snow Gum Campaign through a delicious homemade bake sale and by selling commemorative tote bags decorated by designs from student's stamps. Students will also be presenting information about preserving the snow gums, with attendees having the opportunity to take part in the snow gum survey.

The day aims to celebrate our unique alpine environment, strong community spirit and rich local heritage, while encouraging visitors to discover the many experiences Dinner Plain has to offer. We are excited to work alongside local businesses and community groups to make this a memorable event for everyone. Look out in the next newsletter for further details as we look forward to welcoming the community to our campus for an afternoon of learning, exploration and celebration.



SAVE OUR SNOW GUMS

Save Our Snow Gums Survey, 2pm Saturday 29 August 2026, Mt Hotham

Love snowgums and want to help protect them? Our snow gums are under threat: from bushfires and from the devastation wrought by the longicorn beetle, which is thriving under a warming climate. Protect Our Winters (Bright chapter) are helping out on the wonderful Save Our Snowgums campaign, run by Friends of the Earth. This campaign will persuade the Australian environment minister to add snow gums to the list of threatened species, leading to increased funding for their protection. With funding, scientists can work out ways to stop the spread of the longicorn beetle, for example.



From 2pm Saturday 29th August, we will survey the snow gums around the General Hotel, Mt Hotham. It should be a fun afternoon, no experience is needed, and we will finish for a well earned soda water or beer at the Genny afterwards. Kids and families particularly welcome!

What: Save Our Snow Gums Survey

When: 2pm, Saturday 29 August

Who: Please get in contact with Lily O'Neill if you would like to join,

lily.oneill@protectourwinters.org.au

INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS - FALLS CREEK



The BCST (Bright College Snowsports Team) ski race team had an incredible week at the Falls Creek Schools Carnival. 36 of our students from the Bright and Dinner Plain campuses competed. The weather was challenging at times but we were rewarded with fresh snow. So many Bright P-12 College students made the podium and as a school overall we cleaned up. Everyone showed huge resilience. All the parents were so proud! Our students took away the Primary Snowboard Championship; Primary XC Championship; Primary Ski Championship; Primary Girls Championship; Primary Boys Championship. And... they were the overall Primary Champions.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



SNOW PROGRAM - BCST

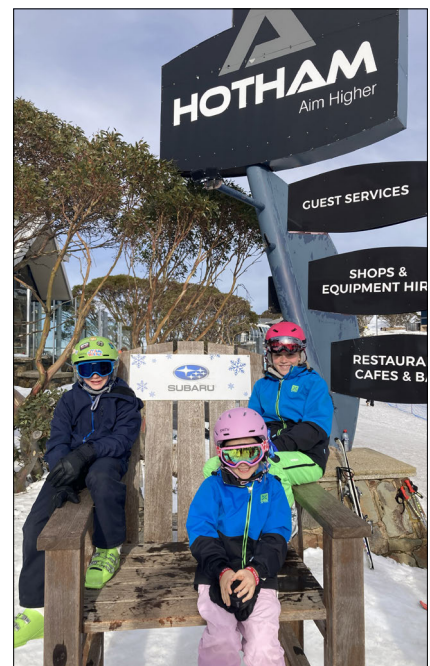
The 2026 Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST) season is half way through, with a fantastic start to what promises to be another memorable year on the mountain.

This season we have 81 students enrolled across our ten-day ski/snowboard program, participating in either our 2-hour lesson program or the Wednesday afternoon and full-day Sunday program. It has been wonderful to see students meet their instructors, settle into their groups, and begin developing their skiing and snowboarding skills.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated BCST Committee, whose countless hours of planning and behind-the-scenes work have ensured another smooth and successful start to the season. Your commitment to providing this outstanding opportunity for our students is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow in confidence, challenge themselves, and enjoy everything the mountain has to offer over the coming weeks.

Keep up your snow dances – we're hoping the second half of the program brings great conditions!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

TERM 2 & 3
JUNIOR NETBALL COMPETITION

Join our Junior Netball Competition & Skills Clinic!

Starting Week 2 of Term 2 • 30th April – 10th September 2026

When: Thursday afternoons - 4:30 - 5:45pm
Skills clinic for 30 mins, followed by games from 5pm

Age: Grade 4 – Year 7 (Turning 10-14 years)

Where: Bright P-12 College Outdoor Netball Courts

Please fill out the attached Google Doc & EO1 Form ASAP – Minimum numbers required!

Register Your Interest Now!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpwASWZ1ZB2MQ0j3Hc6-BH4CM3nmvFy2AEHYGKX0NuyZEhg/viewform?usp=public-editor>

Bright Carers Brunch

Overview
Carers Victoria invites you to attend our free carers Brunch.

Looking after someone else can be a full-time job, so why not take a little time out for yourself?

Enjoy some great food and connect with fellow carers.

About this event
Carers Victoria invites you to attend our free carers brunch, for some well-deserved timeout and an opportunity to connect with other carers.

BRIGHT
Thursday 13 August
10:00AM to 12:00PM
The Riverdeck Kitchen
16 Hovitt Lane
Bright VIC 3741
Registrations Close: 10 August

Spaces are limited, register now! This event is designed for carers who live in the City of Bright and surrounding areas.

Scan to register

This event is FREE for carers but you do need to register to attend.
events@carersvictoria.org.au
1800 514 845
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SCIENCE WEEK

DAILY FUN AND QUIZ - CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA + ANNUAL BEAT THE TEACHER QUIZ (FOR GRADES 4-12)

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Holiday Program	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	\$72.00	\$7.00	

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SEASON DETAILS TO FOLLOW
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MICHELLE 0434 279 865
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NOW HIRING - SBAT CHEF

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- Supportive & fast-paced environment

What You'll Do:

- Assist in food prep & cooking
- Learn plating and presentation techniques
- Maintain kitchen cleanliness & safety
- Grow your culinary knowledge every day

What You Need:

- 80% attendance in class & school
- Reasonable grades / no school incidents
- Basic hands-on skills or prior kitchen experience preferred
- Be prepared to study a Certificate III qualification / complete Work Experience



Contact Jane Mildren or Michelle Porter

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SKI DE FEMME 2026

BIRKEBEINER NORDIC SKI CLUB PRESENTS
A WOMENS COMMUNITY XC SKI DAY @ FALLS CREEK

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST
Beginners welcome, great spot prizes, no entry fees, bus shuttle from Mt Beauty available.

More info and rego: <https://www.birkebeiner.org.au/events/365955> or scan the QR Code

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1 in 4
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65%
of adolescents do not seek help.



1 in 7
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1 in 5
adults will experience mental illness.



Over 50%
of students are at risk of a poor learning mindset (anxiety + disengagement).

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

About the program

TRP is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program to support positive mental health in the classroom, staffroom and wider community.

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Get involved with TRP@HOME



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to find activities and resources to implement the GEM+EL principles at home.

Evidence-based

TRP's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by [The University of Adelaide](#) and [The University of Melbourne](#).



Scan the QR code to learn more about how the program is significantly lowering the risk of mental illness.

the imperfects



The imperfects podcast

The imperfects is hosted by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, celebrates just how imperfectly perfect we all are. Together, they chat to a variety of people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections alongside valuable learnings we can apply to our own lives and use to support the teachings of TRP in the classroom. Guests include Nathan Buckley, Grace Tame, Jack Steele, Zan Rowe, Michael Klim, Billy Slater, Lael Stone, Pat Cummins, Tim Minchin and many more.



EARLY YEARS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Early Years Outreach Program is a free service that supports families from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background who live, play, work or study in the Alpine Shire.

Our CALD Early Years Officer works directly with families and local service providers to support inclusion and ongoing participation in education.

We can assist to:

- Enrol children in Kindergarten
- Connect with other early childhood supports
- Support families to transition from Kindergarten to Primary School

To find out more contact the CALD Early Years Outreach Officer:

0417 957 627 or
shannanw@alpineshire.vic.gov.au

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