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CYPS MEETING DATES 2025

TERM 3

Tuesday 5 August, 9 - 10am at CCLLEN
Office, 53 Haverfield St, Echuca.

TERM 4

Tuesday 21 October, 9 - 10am at CCLLEN
Office, 53 Haverfield St, Echuca.

FINAL 2025

Tuesday 9 December, 9 - 10am at CCLLEN
Office, 53 Haverfield St, Echuca.

OTHER DATES TERM 2

17 June - General Achievement Test (GAT)

4 July - Term 2 Finishes

6-13 July - NAIDOC Week

25 July - Schools Tree Day

27 July - National Tree Day

28 July - VTAC Applications Open & SEAS
and Scholarships Open

4 August - National Aboriginal & Torres
Strait Islander Children's Day

9 August - International Day for World
Indigenous Peoples

11-15 August - Bullying No Way Week

12 August - International Youth Day (UN)

29 August - Wear It Purple Day



WELCOME TO ISSUE 3 OF OUR BULLETIN

Celebrating a Semester of Success

As we reach the end of Term 2 and wrap up Semester 1, it's a perfect time to reflect on the incredible efforts and achievements across our community. The first half of the year has been filled with dedication, growth and collaboration, and we're proud of all that has been accomplished.

We'll keep sending out our quarterly bulletins at the end of each term. If you have any information you'd like to include in future bulletins, please send it to:

Nikki Harris
Project Officer
harris.n@ccllen.com.au

IN THIS BULLETIN

- Program updates
- Organisation updates
- Upcoming events

Mentor Training

Do you know someone who might be interested in supporting young drivers in our community? Please share the details of our upcoming L2P Mentor Training on 18 June with anyone who may be considering volunteering. Attending the training is a great way to learn more about the L2P Program - there's no obligation to sign up as a mentor afterwards. The session is free of charge and offers valuable insight into how the program works and the positive impact it has on learners and mentors alike.



Date: Wednesday 18 June, 2025

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Venue: CVGT Offices, 216 Darling Street, Echuca (carparking available in Coles carpark)
Lunch and morning tea provided!



Digital Licences

Digital licences are now acceptable for Learner drivers in Victoria, however it is compulsory that they carry either their digital licence or plastic licence card with them at all times whilst driving.

Using a digital licence is optional for all drivers. Plastic licences will continue to be issued for all Victorian drivers and can continue to be used for identification purposes.

L2P Program Graduates

Congratulations to our recent L2P graduates, Sharmayne and Stacey, who successfully passed their drive tests on 30 April and 16 May. Sharmayne and Stacey are pictured below with their Mentor, Wilf, who was instrumental in helping two very determined learner drivers achieve a major milestone in earning their driver licences!



We are always looking for enthusiastic people who can commit 1-2 hours a week to help young learner drivers gain the experience they need to get a licence. Please contact Nikki on 0428 474 014 for further information.

Junior Park Rangers Celebrates a Semester of Growth and Connection

Celebration days held on June 2 and 4, marked the completion of the Semester 1 Junior Park Rangers (JPR) Program at Kyabram Fauna Park, with students from four local schools proudly presenting the projects they've worked on across the 10-week program. This semester, the program welcomed students from Kyabram P-12 College, Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School, Rochester Secondary College and Rochester Primary School. Each week, students engaged in student-centred, project-based learning, exploring animal care, conservation, sustainability, and teamwork in an outdoor education setting.



Kyabram P-12 College and Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School attended each Monday, while Rochester Primary School & Rochester Secondary College took part on Wednesdays. It was heartening to see the strong connection formed between students from Rochester Primary and Secondary Schools, who shared time together before and after each session. These cross-age interactions fostered new friendships and strengthened community ties between the two school communities.

A major focus of the semester was the creation of a vegetable garden which was planned, built and maintained by the students to support the animals at the park and promote sustainability. Other projects included researching enrichment ideas for animals, designing habitat improvements, and learning practical skills directly from park keepers.

The success of the program was made possible through the tireless dedication of Kimberley and Vanessa from Kyabram Fauna Park, whose passion and commitment to the program brought every session to life. Their work, in close partnership with Cath Elms from Campaspe Cohuna LLEN, created a rich learning environment where every student was encouraged, challenged, and celebrated.

The JPR Program continues to offer students of all abilities, an engaging way to connect with their environment, develop new skills, and explore future pathways in animal care, conservation and beyond.



**SAVE
THE
DATE!!**



ENGAGE VICTORIA

Youth myki Card - design competition

Are you a young myki-angelo?

You could see your artwork travel around Victoria on the new Youth myki card - and win a \$1000 Visa gift card.

Visit:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/youthmyki>





Update

What's On at Kyabram Community & Learning Centre Inc.

Dementia Peer Support Group



SUMMARY

Join our dementia support group for compassionate guidance, understanding, and a supportive community to navigate the challenges of dementia together

CATEGORY / INTEREST

social people living with Dementia Carers

DETAILS

"Don't Dementia It" is a supportive gathering held at KCLC on the last Thursday of every month, offering a safe space for individuals affected by dementia to connect, share experiences, and receive support. There is no cost to attend, and afternoon tea is provided for all participants.

Sometimes, we meet at KCLC, while other times we venture out to different venues. For more information, please contact Claire at KCLC.

UPCOMING DATES

Jun 26, 2025
Jul 31, 2025
Aug 28, 2025
Sep 25, 2025
Oct 30, 2025
Nov 27, 2025



Kyabram Community Meal & Mingle

Join us for a delicious weekly community meal prepared by KCLC Volunteers at the Kyabram Community & Learning Centre



Commencing Thursday September 6th

WHEN: Every Thursday

TIME: 1pm

WHERE: Room 11 Kyabram Community & Learning Centre

FREE



21-25 LAKE RD
KYABRAM



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www.kclc.com.au



BOARD GAME BONANZA

Come to KCLC for Board Game Fun, cuppa & a chat

Every Thursday after the community meal which you are welcome to join too
1pm Onwards

Gold Coin Donation

Come along today

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For more information about these programs, please visit

<https://www.socialplanet.com.au/at/kyabram-community-learning-centre-inc>

Our Services

Early Learning Program

KCLC Early Learning Program includes:

- Funded 3 year old kindergarten (15 hours)
- Funded 4/5 year old kindergarten (15 hours)
- Long Daycare (6 weeks to 6 years)

A multi age program which operates to participate in and build a connected community.

Family Support Services Program

Being a parent can be an exciting and rewarding experience, but creating a safe and nurturing environment for your children can be a challenge. A range of parenting advice and family support services are available to help parents in their role of raising kids.

- Connection for families to receive services on their journey.
- Group work and one on one sessions available for community to learn from each other as well as the KCLC team.

Neighbourhood House

Our Neighbourhood House program supports our community achieve areas of focus and empower growth and development in our community.

Our Classes and Groups:

- First Aid Courses
- Learn Local Classes
- Fitness Classes
- Craft Groups
- Multicultural Programs, Groups and Events
- Community Meals

Our Programs:

- Services Australia (Centrelink) Agent
- Studio Room Bookings
- Community Garden and Traffic School
- Campaspe Family Violence Action Group
- Dementia Voices Alliance and Dementia Support Group
- Emergency Material Aid Support including Foodshare and Clothing
- No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)
- Book swap and community library
- The Shed (117 Albion St, Kyabram)
- Container Deposit Scheme Kyabram
- Outreach Programs: Haven Homesafe, Psychologists, Supported Playgroup, Al Anon and many more.



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💡 Parent Information Session: Building Understanding & Connection

Curious about what I CAN Online actually looks like in action?

Join us for a relaxed, informative session designed just for parents and carers

We'll cover:

- What happens in Minecraft, Dungeons & Dragons and Special Interest groups
- How we support confidence, connection and creative problem-solving
- Program videos and participant feedback
- How to access our programs with NDIS funding

It's a great way to build understanding, ask questions and get a feel for our strengths-based, autistic-led approach.

 Friday 20 June | 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM AEST
 Online | FREE



 JULY 21ST TO
AUGUST 29TH

**Weekly Group Sessions
at 5:00PM & 6:30PM AEST**

Cycle 3 is a series of fun, interest-based groups for autistic young people aged 7 to 22. Run weekly via Zoom, these programs are led by autistic mentors who create safe, supportive spaces where participants can connect, share, and grow.

Our Themes Include

- ▶ Executive Functioning
- ▶ Autism and ADHD
- ▶ Animal Kingdom
- ▶ Drawing and Art
- ▶ Pokemon
- ▶ Roblox
- ▶ & More

Cycle 3 Sessions
Run for 6 Weeks
Total cost is \$321
**NDIS claimable*

APPLY ONLINE: icannetwork.online/online

Our mentors are all trained, paid and hold current Working with Children Checks. Our mentors share their lived experiences which builds confidence and social connection in a safe, positive environment.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT US: online@icannetwork.com.au



Our program is
supported by
NDIS funding



Free Minecraft Trial : For New Autistic Participants

We're running a free Minecraft Social Server Session just for new young people who have never tried I CAN Online before. It's a relaxed, supportive way to get a feel for how our social sessions work.

This is a dedicated session for first-time participants and is only being offered to those who haven't been part of our Minecraft Server, Group Mentoring or Holiday Programs before.

Spots are limited, so be sure to express interest soon.

 Saturday 21 June | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM AEST



🌟 July Online Programs 🌟 Bookings Now Open For Upcoming School Holidays

For Autistic Young People Aged 7-22 | 7th-11th July 2025 | Online via Zoom

Looking for engaging, inclusive activities for your young person these school holidays?

Our July Online Program is packed with creative, social and strengths-based sessions designed by and for autistic young people.

Led by our team of autistic mentors, this program invites participants to connect with peers, explore interests and build confidence, all from the comfort of home.



Update

Five-Day Special Interest Groups.

 7–11 July

 6:00pm – 7:10pm AEST

 \$321 AUD for 5 x 70min sessions

Themes:

- Heartstopper
- Animal Crossing
- Sanrio
- Dinosaurs & Reptiles

These themed programs offer participants a safe space to connect over shared passions and express themselves while being guided by relatable autistic mentors.

 **NEW** 

Two-Day General Special Interest Programs

 Choose from: 7th & 8th July OR 10th & 11th July

 10:00am – 11:00am AEST OR 6:30pm – 7:30pm AEST

 \$107 AUD for 2 x 60min sessions

These general interest sessions are a great low-commitment entry point. Perfect for first-timers or those wanting a casual, creative way to connect over the break.

Dungeons & Dragons Campaigns

 9–11 July

Beginner Adventure

 10:00am – 12:00pm AEST

 \$321 AUD for 3 x 2hr sessions

 No prior experience needed!

Intermediate Adventure

 4:30pm – 7:30pm AEST

 \$481.50 AUD for 3 x 3hr sessions

 Foundational D&D knowledge required

Guided by experienced mentors, these interactive storytelling adventures are immersive, creative and a brilliant way to develop social confidence and teamwork.

Minecraft Social Server

 7–9 July

Creative Mode

 10:00am – 12:00pm AEST

 Requires Minecraft Creative Mode

 \$321 AUD for 3 x 2hr sessions

Survival Mode

 5:30pm – 7:30pm AEST

 Requires Minecraft Survival Mode

 \$321 AUD for 3 x 2hr sessions

Join us in a safe, moderated Minecraft world where participants can build, collaborate and explore. These servers are all about forming connections in a neuro-affirming space.



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NEW RESOURCES

We have just released some new free resources created in collaboration with the [Department of Education](#). These videos, tips and a graphic novel were created by neurodivergent students and our I CAN team.

These resources offer practical tools for students, teachers/support staff and parents/carers in the areas of [“Building Connections”](#), [“Inclusive Practices and “Student Wellbeing”](#). Our graphic novel [“The Neurodivergent Students’ Guide to Starting High School”](#) (pictured) is specifically for students transitioning from primary to high school. Click on the button below to view and download.

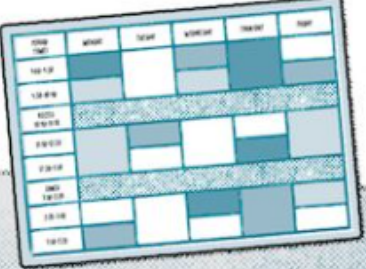


HIGH SCHOOL VERSUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL. SOME CAN BE REALLY EXCITING BUT OTHERS MAY SEEM A BIT MUCH AT FIRST. DON'T WORRY - THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH THESE CHANGES.

SOME (NOT ALL) OF THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCES MAY INCLUDE:

- Timetabling - typically in high school, you will have a different set of classes each day rather than the exact same schedule.
- Multiple classrooms - students typically have to move around from class to class for each subject (and often have different teachers for each subject, too!).
- Being around more people (but this also gives you more chances to find those you may get along with!).



BEFORE THE FIRST DAY

Type up a few things that you want your teachers to know about you to make you more comfortable in class.



Get a map of the school from the school website (or do a Google search) and review it beforehand.



Practise the route to school (how long it takes, public transport needs, etc.).



Plan to meet up with someone if there's another student you already feel comfortable with.



Buy and organise your core school items (stationery packs, fidgets/sensory supports, etc.).



Test out your shoes / uniform for comfort.



Ask a trusted adult to link you up with another student travelling the same route.





Introducing the Parent Pathway's Program

Parent Pathway's is a voluntary, confidential and personalised service, to help parents and carers with children under 6 years, achieve their goals.

We can assist our participants with:

- Language and literacy programs
- Childcare support
- Financial assistance
- Family and domestic violence services
- Education and training
- Clothing, pantry and hygiene essentials

Parent Pathways is for parents and carers who:

- Have a child aged under 6
- Are not in paid employment
- Live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider

Receiving one of these payments:

- Parenting Payment
- Carer Payment
- Special Benefit

Eligibility includes those who are not getting a Centrelink payment, and are either:

- A First Nations parent or carer
- Under 22 years old
- An early school leaver (parents who don't have a year 12 qualification)

Interested participants can self-refer on the CVGT website or by contacting 13 28 48

<https://www.cvgt.com.au/cvgt-employment-programs/parentpathways/#benefits>

More information regarding Parent Pathways overleaf.



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Supporting parents in planning their future



What is Parent Pathways?

Parent Pathways is a voluntary support service that can help you identify and achieve your future goals. The service is flexible, accessible and considerate of your individual circumstances.

You'll work with a mentor who will support you during your time with Parent Pathways. You'll also receive tailored advice, guidance and resources in a supportive and safe environment, where your children are always welcome.

Whether you have a particular goal in mind, aren't sure what you want to do, or you're just looking for advice, the door is always open.



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Why take part in Parent Pathways?



Through Parent Pathways you can:

- talk to a mentor about what you might like to achieve in the future
- get support to identify your goals, and what you might need to do to achieve them
- access other services in your local community, such as:
 - family and domestic violence support
 - community groups, such as playgroups, LGBTIQ+ groups or multicultural groups
 - counselling or access to drug and alcohol services or other health services
 - local charities such as foodbanks, housing, general welfare and support services
- undertake training, such as a computer or language and literacy course
- support to get your driver's licence or work permits
- financial help towards the cost of a computer, phone, or anything else that might help you achieve your goals
- gain a qualification
- get help to join, or re-join, the workforce.

What else should you know?

Parent Pathways is a flexible and family friendly service. We will work with you around your caring responsibilities. If you choose to participate, you can also choose to leave, take a break or come back at any time. The service is focused on you.

Other programs for parents and carers

If you are eligible, your mentor can refer you to programs that can help you move towards your goals:

✓ Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) – help to improve reading, writing, maths and computer skills

✓ Australian Migrant English Program (AMEP) – helps migrants build English language skills and settle into Australia

✓ Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) – help and support to turn a business idea into reality

✓ Transition to Work (TtW) – helps 15–24 year olds into work, training and education.

Where to find more information



You can find more information on Parent Pathways at:
dewr.gov.au/parentpathways