



NEWSLETTER

13 - 2023

Thursday 11th May 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hope you all stayed warm last weekend! Winter is starting to kick in!

As mentioned last week to all students and families that it is part of our uniform policy that all students are to be always in school uniform, and this includes jumpers/jackets. Please ensure that all jumpers and jackets are also clearly labelled with your child's name so they can easily be returned to their rightful owner if they are lost or misplaced, which happens regularly at schools. We thank you for your support and understanding of our uniform policy.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mr Gonzalez who has been successful in being appointed to a school in Ballarat. This is a great opportunity for him, as the school is a lot closer to his home. No more highway travelling for Mr Gonzalez! I have advertised the position and will keep you updated at end of the process.

Mrs Michelle Tickner will be finishing with us tomorrow, as she ventures off to Aintree PS next week.

We thank Mr Gonzalez and Michelle for their dedication to the students they have taught at KPS.

With farewells in a school, they are always followed up with greeting's, I am pleased to announce that Mr Parker will be joining us at the start of term 3. Mr Parker will be teaching 3 Columbus until the end of the year.

It is that time of the year again! Cold and Flu season!

Cold and Flu season is fast approaching.

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over. Some people are more at risk of complications from the flu and are eligible for free vaccination under the National Immunisation Program including:

- anyone aged 65 years and older
- pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged from 6 months and over
- people 6 months or older with:
 - heart disease
 - chronic lung disease (including people with severe asthma who require frequent hospital visits)
 - chronic neurological conditions or impaired immunity
 - haemoglobinopathies (blood disorders caused by genetic changes)
 - diabetes or kidney disease
- children on long-term aspirin therapy from 6 months to 10 years
- children aged from 6 months to under 5 years.

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Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID19 vaccinations. If you would like more information about the flu vaccination, visit the Better Health Channel.

ANNUAL REPORT

Every Victorian government school is required to produce an Annual Report to their School Community by April 30 each year. Our Annual Report for 2022 will be available on our website early next week. As a school we met all quality assurance criteria required by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). I encourage you to take a few minutes to look at the report.

The Department of Education conducts a thorough and independent review of each Victorian government school once every four years. This year our school is being reviewed on all of the data collected from 2019-2022, this will occur in term 4. Part of the process is to develop our new School Strategic Plan outlining goals and targets for 2024 to 2027 will be developed.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. This year Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Sunday 14 May to Saturday 20 May. This year's theme is 'Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate', which celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice in education.

To celebrate Education Week will be holding numerous activities for the students throughout the week. The school will have an open afternoon on Wednesday 17th May starting from 2:15pm, looking forward to seeing you joining in the classroom activities with your child/ren.

CAMPS

Expression of Interest notes for camp were sent home this week for the Year 5/6 Camp. The Year 3/4 Camp notes will go home next week.

The 3/4 camp will be at Lady Northcote (near Bacchus Marsh) from 4th to 6th of September.

The 5/6 camp will be a coastal experience at Camp Wyuna at Queenscliffe from 11th to 13th of September.

The cost of camp includes food, accommodation, hiring of camp staff to run certain activities (flying box, canoeing, raft making, archery) and transport to and from the camp.

Kurunjang Primary School is committed to being a child safe organisation and embedding a child safe culture into our practices and processes to ensure all children who attend the school are safe at all times.



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ARRIVAL TIMES

Families, just a friendly reminder that drop off time for students each morning is from 8:40am – 9:00am. Drop off prior to 8:40am or bike riders arriving early means students are unsupervised. Staff are on active supervision from 8:40am onward each morning and the gates are open at 8:40am.

After school staff are on active supervision from 3:10pm to 3:25pm, gates are locked at 3:20pm to allow staff to return for meetings.

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety awareness should be a daily priority for everyone, but this week/month we are emphasising its importance even more... As we navigate our daily lives, it is crucial to prioritise road safety for our children! Whether they are walking, biking, or riding in a vehicle, it is important that we, as caregivers and enforcers, emphasise the importance of safe practices. Leading by example is key, as children often emulate the behaviours of their parents/carers. Let's work together to ensure that our children are protected on the roads and that we are promoting safe practices daily. Further resources to help teacher your child road safety can be found at: <https://roadsafetyweek.com.au/>

e-SAFETY

The e-Safety Guide is a guide to learn about the latest games, apps and social media our young people might be using. The guide also includes information on how to protect information and reporting harmful content.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be sharing with you more information about the Child Safe Standards in the newsletter each week. This week, we are looking at Child Safe Standard 10 – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

In complying with Child Safe Standard 10 –

- 10.1 The organisation regularly reviews, evaluates and improves child safe practices.
- 10.2 Complaints, concerns and safety incidents are analysed to identify causes and systemic failures to inform continuous improvement.
- 10.3 The organisation reports on the findings of relevant reviews to staff and volunteers, community and families, and children and young people.

ASSEMBLY

Looking forward to seeing you at tomorrow's Year 3 to Year 6 assembly. See you then.

Finally, I would like to wish all the mums, grandmas, aunts, and dads (who take on the role as mum) a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday.

Regards,

Tom

~ Learning Together



STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Student of the week awards are made each week and announced in the newsletter on a Thursday. The awards are presented to the students at assembly on Friday at **2.30pm** in the Gym. Parents are most welcome to attend.

3/4 Tony ~ Melodee Djugum

3/4 Tony ~ Rogers Li

4 Gatt/Tanya ~ Isabelle Grima

4 Gatt/Tanya ~ Noah Grey

5 Bella ~ Shaquille Cavkic

5 Bella ~ Lotufou Samu

6 D'Elia ~ Raphael Cabigao

6 D'Elia ~ Emily Gatt

6 Webb ~ Chiemeka Anoruo

6 Webb ~ Beau Gilmour



FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2024 ARE NOW OPEN

Parents who live within our school's designated neighbourhood area are invited to enrol their children for Foundation 2024 at the office. To be eligible to enrol for Foundation in 2024 your child must turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2024. You must provide proof of your child's age by presenting a birth certificate. For students who were born overseas you must present their passport and visa details. Immunisation certificates are also required and may be posted to you on request by calling 1800 653 809. As the immunisation and birth certificates may take a little time to arrive, we suggest you get organised early and phone for your certificate now.

Please contact the school office on 9743 0633 if you would like to arrange a tour of our school.

NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL REGARDING EXTENDED ABSENCES FOR FAMILY HOLIDAYS OR EVENTS

We appreciate that families from time to time may be absent for family holidays or events. In the event that you know you will be absent please come to the office to collect a notification regarding extended absences for family holidays or events form for approval. This will enable the class and specialist teachers to be aware of the absence and for the absence to be recorded on compass.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents



BOOK CLUB

Book Club was handed out this week and will need to be returned by Friday the 19th May for processing. Whether your child is at school, or at home, you can place your order on LOOP as normal. Online orders will close on this date for delivery at school. Please make sure all orders have the child's name, grade and correct money placed in a sealed envelope/bag.

FORWARD PLANNING

Thursday 11th May

- Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May

- Year 2 Be a Meteorologist ~ Incursion
- Year 7 Application for Placement 2024 ~ Forms due
- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Expression of Interest Due

Sunday 14th May ~ Saturday 20th May

- Education Week

Thursday 17th May

- Education Week Open Afternoon ~ 2.15pm
- Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion ~ Payment Due

Friday 19th May

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Non Refundable Deposit Due
- Book Club ~ Orders Due

Tuesday 23rd May

- School Council Meeting ~ Online at 5.30pm

Friday 26th May

- Year 1 Scienceworks Excursion

Friday 2nd June

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 1st Instalment Due

Monday 12th June

- Monarch's Birthday ~ Public Holiday
- Alpha Show ~ Compass Payments Close

Thursday 15th June

- Alpha Show ~ Whole School Incursion

Friday 16th June

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 2nd Instalment Due

Thursday 22nd June

- 2023 CSEF Applications Close

Friday 23rd June

- Last Day Term 2 ~ Early Dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 10th July

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 11th July

- First Day Term 3 ~ 8.50am Start

Friday 21st July

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ 3rd Instalment Due

Friday 4th August

- Year 5/6 Camp ~ Final Instalment Due

Friday 15th September

- Last Day Term 3 ~ Early dismissal 2.10pm

Monday 6th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

Tuesday 7th November

- Melbourne Cup Day ~ Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th November

- Student Free Day ~ Students not required at school

**** IMPORTANT ****

APPLICATIONS FOR CSEF CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND FOR NEW STUDENTS/FAMILIES

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless you have additional children attending school this year or there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time at Kurunjang Primary School, please come into the school office to collect an application form.

Please check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

At the moment we have an abundance of silver beet and/or spinach in our Kitchen Garden. So if you would like to come and pick some to use at home in your families meals please come to the Kitchen Garden before or after school over the next couple of days and pick what you can use .

KPS Kitchen Garden Team
Christine Butcher and Hayley Tellis



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please remember to collect your plastic bread tags and soft plastic bread bags over the holiday. The plastic bread tags are being collected in each classroom. The soft plastic bread bags collection point is the large box near Lost Property - this can be any soft plastic bag used for bread.



LIBRARY

We currently have a large number of overdue library books. Could I ask that any library books found at home over the holidays that belong to our school, please be returned to the library ASAP.

Thank you
Lynne Notman ~ Library Technician

CANTEEN



Please note that on-line canteen orders can be placed up to 2 weeks in advance however, they must be placed prior to **9.00am** on the day of wanting the order processed.



DISCLAIMER

All advertisements placed in this newsletter and flyers sent home on behalf of sporting groups and auxiliaries are done so in good faith. It should not be assumed that Kurunjang Primary School is recommending these activities. Parents have a responsibility to make sure that activities are suitable and safe for their children.

LATE ARRIVALS:

If your child is running late for any reason, please take them to the office to be signed into school. A late pass will be issued to your child to be given to the teacher.



Have you signed up to the Compass App?

In order to keep you up to date with important information Kurunjang Primary School is part of a portal system called COMPASS.

Through Compass, you will be able to update personal details such as phone numbers and be kept up to date with important dates, whole school events, excursions, book parent teacher conferences, contact teachers and more.

You will be able to view your child's school report and learning tasks completed throughout the school year via Compass.

If you have not yet signed up, please return the slip below for you to receive your personalised login details.

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I would like to receive my COMPASS APP details to be kept updated with my child's reports, school events, reminders and calendar items.

Name: _____

Student name/s: _____

Class: _____

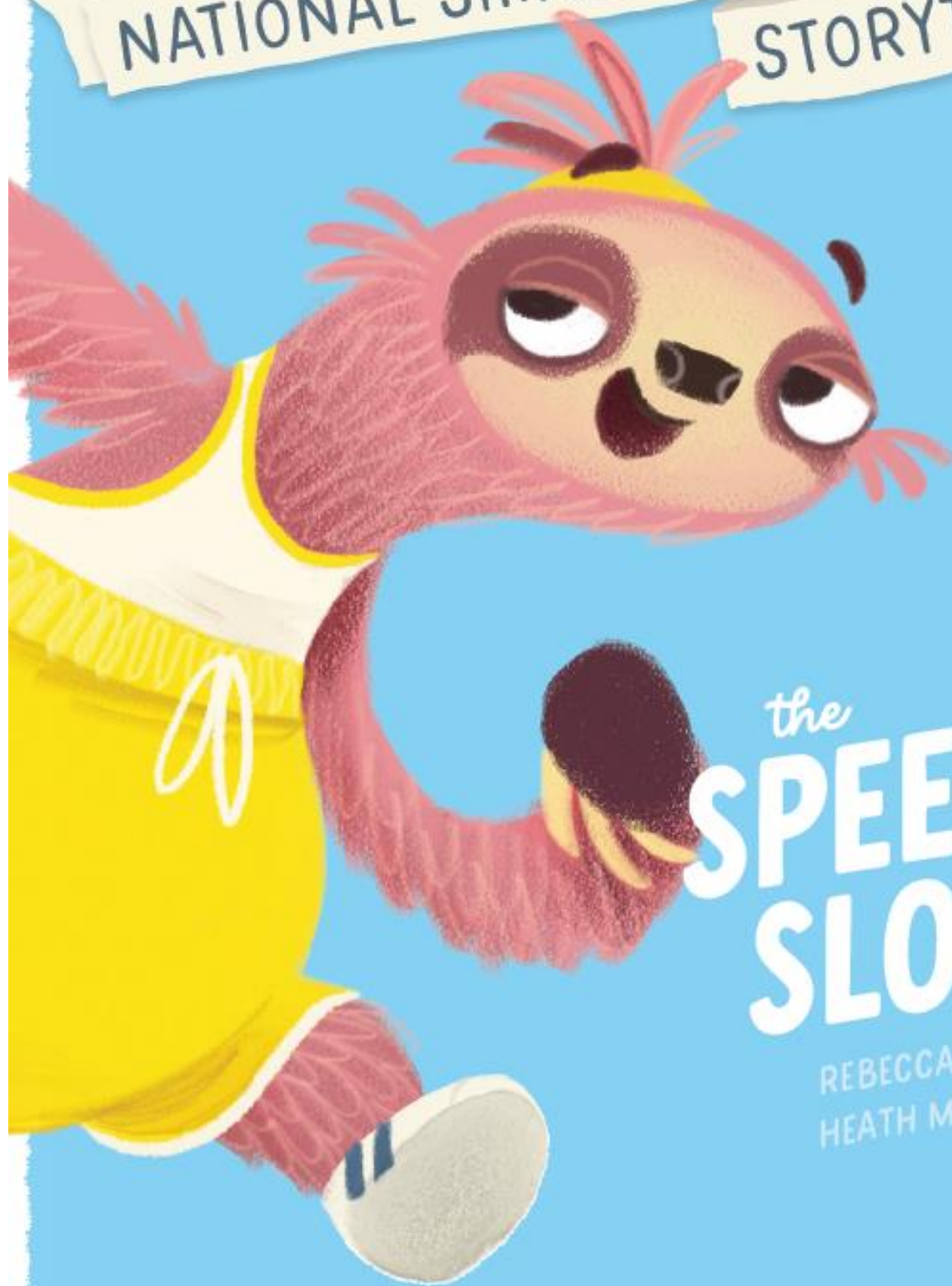


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Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.



Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.
It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?
Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](#) #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!



Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.



Re-made in Robe!



What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

aussiebreadtags@gmail.com
[@aussiebreadtags](https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags)

www.ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au
Local Contact:

Parent Communication and Concern Process

If you have a query or question about your child or the school we encourage you to seek assistance.

It is important to us that you have your concerns answered.

Listed below are the people within the school community who can assist you.



Team Leaders - Foundation: Edison Potts; Year 1: Nick Gonzalez; Year 2: Ana Kralj; Year 3: Tony Fraietta; Year 4: Damiano Lo Nigro; Year 5: Lisa Condon; Year 6: Rob D'Elia; Specialists: Lidia Woolley

Leadership Team Members – Toni Havers: Numeracy; Lisa Condon: Literacy; Danielle Sheedy: Wellbeing

Assistant Principal – Wendy McCall: Foundation-2

Acting Assistant Principal – Toni Havers: Years 3-6

Acting Principal – Tom Goddard

DET – Department of Education & Training – Regional Office

Learning and Playing Together Playgroup

Term 2, 2023

Kurunjang Primary School, Mowbray Cres, Melton 3337.
 Friday 9-11am. Parents must stay with their child/children.
 Enquiries – 9743-0633

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme/Activity – Sessions may include:</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • literacy and numeracy activities, • playtime – developing friendships • story time • rhyme time, singing and dance • outside play – co ordination • craft time – fine motor skills • dramatic play • cooking • guest speakers and excursions will be organised.
Friday 28 th April	Letters & Numbers 
Friday 5 th May	Autumn  
Friday 12 th May	Mother's Day 
Friday 19 th May	Water Play  
Friday 26 th May	Shops  
Friday 2 nd June	Shapes & Patterns 
Friday 9 th June	Me & My Family 
Friday 16 th June	Farm Animals  
Friday 23 rd June	Cooking Week  



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Step 2 Register

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Step 3 Find our school

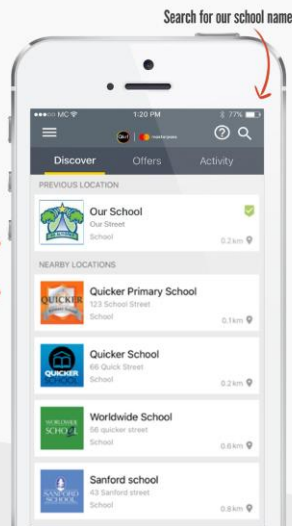
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

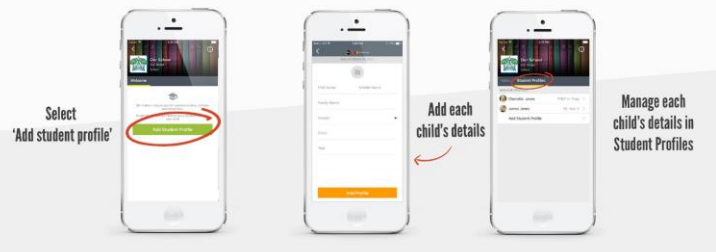


Search for our school name



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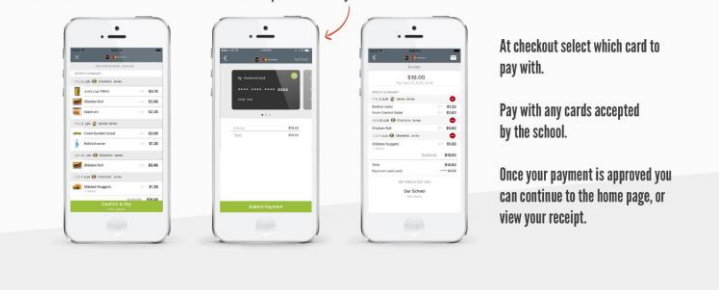
Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Order meals



Making payments



CLASS LIST FOR Qkr!

CLASS NAME

Foundation Potts
Foundation Ahern
Foundation Jane
Foundation Amy
Foundation Ryan

1 Gonzalez
1 Cohen
1 Cole
1 Dovaston

2 Ana
2 Kirk
2 Hannah
2 Estelle

3/4 Tony
3 Christina
3 Columbus
3 Danielle
4 Lo Nigro
4 Mason
4 Gatt/Tanya

5/6 Layton
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SMILE CENTRE

1:1 Educational Therapy



Located in Bacchus Marsh

SMILE Centre caters for the individual with 1:1 sessions tailored for the young person's learning and developmental needs.

Currently offering a FREE 1/2 hr Meet and Greet Session

1:1 face to face
Foundation - Year 12
Literacy and Numeracy
Social/Emotional Learning/
Personal Development/
Work related skills)

CONTACT US

Jaimie - 0497 822 546
smiilecentre@gmail.com
www.smiilecentre.com.au



Individualised support

We use a practical approach to teaching and learning that allows us to increase trust and engagement with students with complex, unmet learning needs and successfully improve all students' self-regulation, development and academic achievement.

The strategies incorporate evidence-based trauma-aware teaching, positive education, disability awareness, and wellbeing practices.



Holistic Approach

We prefer to work closely with other professionals around the young person as it is essential that everyone is working holistically to best support the individual.

Reports from other professionals are an invaluable resource, as targets developed from speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists all can be incorporated into our sessions.

We also appreciate working alongside teachers from the student's school to ensure the student can build upon concepts that are taught in the classroom and develop consistency across their learning.

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