



PATCHWORK NEWS

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

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| Mon 9th | KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Thurs 12th | Regional Cross Country (Qualified students only) |
| Fri 13th | Casual Dress Day / SRC Fundraiser |
| | Dress as your favourite animal to raise funds for Coldstream Animal Aid. Payments via QKR! |
| Wed 18th | Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp Commences |
| Fri 20th | Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp Returns |
| Mon 23rd | Yr 1/2 History Excursion to NGV and Polly Woodside |
| Tues 24th | District Winter Sports (Qualified students only) |
| Tues 24th | Smile Squad School Visits Commence |
| Sat 28th | Trivia Night - 80's Theme (adults only) |

JULY

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| Fri 4th | Smile Squad School Visits Finish |
| Fri 4th | LAST DAY OF TERM 2 |
| | Early Finish @ 2:20pm & 2.30pm |

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| Mon 21st | FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 |
| Tues 29th | Division Netball |
| Wed 30th | Prep 100 Days of School |
| Wed 30th | Division Football (Qualified students only) |
| Thurs 31st | Division T-Ball (Qualified students only) |

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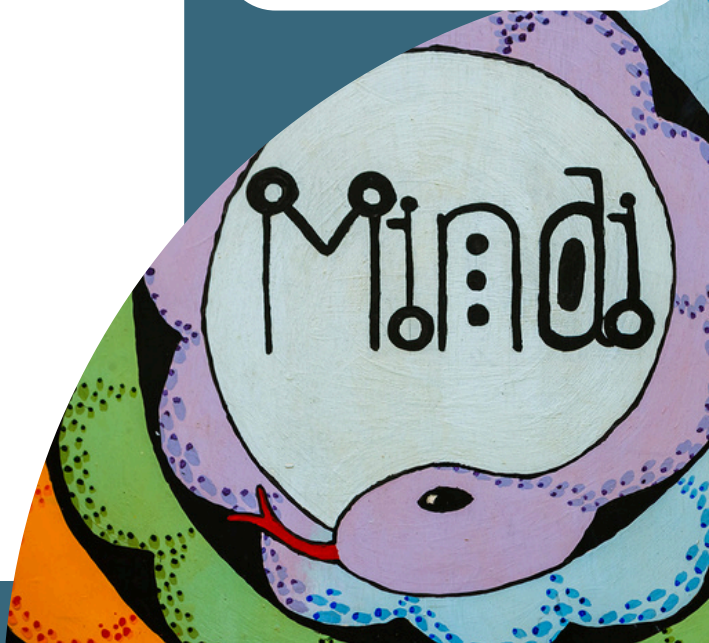
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| Fri 1st | Division Soccer (Qualified students only) |
| Wed 20th | District Athletics (Qualified students only) |

BELL TIMES

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| 8:55am First Bell |
| 9:00am Learning Begins |
| 11-11:45am First Break |
| 11:45-12pm Lunch eating time |
| 2-2:30pm Second Break |
| 3:20pm Prep & Yr 1/2 Dismissal |
| 3.30pm Yr 3-6 Dismissal |

ASSEMBLY

9.00am Friday mornings



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Assistant Principal's email: alesha.sangster@education.vic.gov.au

Hi Patchies!

Another action-packed month at The Patch has flown by. There was a tonne of events for us to celebrate, explore or dress-up! It was great to see so many of our school families and friends joining in these events.

Our first May family event was our Mothers & Special Persons Afternoon. It was brilliant to have mothers, fathers, grandparents and family friends join us for a special 'relaxation' afternoon. The students had a great time doing activities with you, and we hope you did, too. A shout out to teacher Harry – the paper flower making idea was a big hit!

The following day was our Open Afternoon to celebrate our revamped spaces across the school. Many former staff joined us to wonder at the beautiful spaces we now get to enjoy. We, also, had a number of future families explore our school and learn of our many learning, wellbeing and nature-based programs.

Athletics Day was a brilliant event – thanks to Ollie for his tireless organisation behind the scenes! The sun was out and it was a full day of fun ball games, novelty events and races. We had amazing parent and carer helpers on the day that made it a smoththly run event.

Thank you so much to all those volunteers! Our students had big smiles all day, and, most importantly, I was impressed with the mateship and support each child gave one another. No gloating, just lots of examples of students congratulating others or giving calls of encouragement from the sidelines. A great example of the wonderful Patchie values our community nurtures.

Our Year 5/6 students did us proud, as well, at Sovereign Hill Camp. Every student was enthusiastic and respectful throughout the 3 days. It was so pleasing to hear examples of encouragement by students throughout. This enabled each one of them to explore mines and pan for gold with confidence. They each came home tired but thrilled with their experience in Ballarat. I look forward to seeing how our Year 3/4s go at Phillip Island Adventure Camp in a few weeks!



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Last week we recognised National Reconciliation Week. We were fortunate to have Emmy join each of our grades in discussing reconciliation, creating art pieces and exploring ways we can continue the conversation. Sophia and the Year 5/6 action group, also, did a brilliant job in creating a mural of what reconciliation means to us and why it is so important. We look forward to continuing our opportunities with Emmy and other First Nations groups to give our students the best opportunities possible to understand the history and culture of the Wurundjeri country we enjoy.

Yesterday we had the pleasure of hosting our official Opening Ceremony for our Learning Hub and Art Centre. MP Daniela de Martino, architects, builders, Department of Education representatives and former school leaders all joined us in marvelling at the new spaces and cutting the ceremony ribbon. Our SRC students were amazing in leading the group on the tour and showcasing our friendly Patchie way. For me, the greatest aspect of the ceremony was having Deb Herrmann, Michelle Rayner and Ange Ellis return to cut the ribbon. These three were the main drivers in years past who secured the grants that would become our new spaces. A wonderful present from the past that will benefit the next generation of Patchies. Thank you to these legends! (It also shows: once a Patchie, always a Patchie).

Last but not least, keep a look out for further details about our adults' Trivia Night on Saturday 28th June! It was a such an awesome evening last year, and I can't wait to see many of you join us in friendly banter, laughs and competitive modes for the activities.

Cheers,

Jim



SCHOOL SAVING BONUS

The School Saving Bonus (SSB) can be used for uniforms and textbooks until 11:59pm on Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at your school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the SSB online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

animalaid SRC Fundraiser Free Dress Day - Friday 13th June

On Friday the 13th of June we are raising money for Coldstream Animal Aid. Come to school dressed as your favourite animal!

Payments to be made via QKR!



2026 Prep Enrolments

NOW OPEN!

To commence online enrolment

Visit students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/ to create an account and complete the online application form.

Please ensure that all documents required are attached to the application.

You can download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack here : [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)

Enrolment Timeline

1. Submit your online application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 25 July 2025.
2. You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 28 July and Friday 8 August 2025. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should respond to the offer on VicStudents by Friday 22 August 2025.
3. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2025.
4. Prepare your child to start Prep from Wednesday 28 January 2026.

**The Smile Squad team from EACH are coming....
23rd June to 4th July**

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. All students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

Smile Squad need your consent before they can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>
OR use the QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form, this will be sent directly to EACH. Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

**The Patch
Primary
Presents**

**Saturday
23
June**

80'S TRIVIA NIGHT



**TIX
\$15
(ON QKR
9/06-
23/06)**



**DOORS OPEN 5.30PM
TRIVIA 6-10.30PM**

**80'S DRESS-UP
BRING A COMMUNITY FRIEND
BYO ALCOHOL, SNACKS AND ESKY**

***BRING LOTS AND LOTS OF GOLD COINS TO PLAY GAMES,
WIN PRIZES, AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL***

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Coming to Trivia Night but have questions?

Don't worry, we've compiled this *totally official*, list of **Frequently Asked Questions** to ease your mind!

"Are we still looking for donations?"

Heck. Yes. We're in full-blown *prize-hunting mode*!

A massive shoutout to the legends who've already donated – we've got some seriously AWESOME prizes lined up (think: the kind of stuff you'd wrestle your nana for). BUT if you've got something to contribute – vouchers, experiences, gift baskets, moon rocks – we'd love it before next Friday, June 13. That gives us time to polish it, admire it, and add it to the prize pile like the treasure it is.

"Can we buy drinks on the night?"

Sadly, no. – it's BYO! Bring your own beverage of choice, whether that's a fancy bottle of wine or a suspiciously fizzy soda in a reusable cup.

"How do we organise who we want to sit with?"

It's a bit like musical chairs, but less musical and more strategic. Tables are open seating – come early, claim your spot, and guard it like it's the last seat on a plane.

"Can we bring food?"

Heck yes! Load up a platter, bring your best dip, and show off your charcuterie board skills. Last year's spread looked like a gourmet Pinterest board. Just one thing – NO hot food. We don't want to set off the smoke alarm or start a turf war over meat pies.

"Can we purchase food on the night?"

Nope. Unless you count eyeing someone else's cheese platter and wondering if they'll share. (They probably will – this is a friendly crowd.)

"What if we run out of coins? Will we be able to purchase or replenish coins on the night?"

Yes! We've got an EFTPOS machine standing by like a loyal sidekick. Exchange your digital dollars for shiny tokens to join the fun. It's like a casino, but with more trivia and less regret.

"Can we bring friends that aren't part of the Patch school?"

Absolutely! Bring your neighbours, your cousins, your barista, your book club – whoever you want (just no kids, this is a night off, people). Let's pack the place! We want to hit 120 seats or more – because nothing says school fundraiser like a room full of half-competitive trivia buffs.

"Do I have to dress in theme?"

We encourage you to go all out and have some fun, there will be a prize for the best dressed, however you DON'T have to get dressed in theme. Please just come dressed however you feel best (with clothes)!

Still got questions? Stop worrying (or just ask) – everything will be answered as the night unfolds, so just show up with snacks and a smile. See you there!



OFFICIAL OPENING!

**1/2 LEARNING HUB &
ART CENTRE**



Sam is running 100km's in June...

Sam from 5/6K is running 100km's in June to raise money for The Smith Family.
What a massive personal achievement for such a great cause.

To show Sam some support [click here](#).

We are super proud of you Sam - what a champion!!!





MON 07 JUL



Ready, Set, Explore!

Make & Take: Badges & Bag Bundle

Dive into Australia's rich and diverse Indigenous culture through captivating stories, creative art, and hands-on activities. You'll also design your own badges and decorate a keepsake bag to take home!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$13.00
DAILY TOTAL \$90.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.00

TUE 08 JUL



This is England

Service Day

Begin your British adventure by crafting your very own knight shield, inspired by England's rich medieval history! Enjoy a day filled with British-inspired fun - think royal games and teatime treats fit for a king or queen!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$13.00
DAILY TOTAL \$90.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

WED 09 JUL



Party in the USA

Excursion: Elio Movie

Join us for a cosmic adventure to see Elio, a fun-filled movie about an unlikely young hero who becomes Earth's ambassador to the galaxy! Return to service for a sporty USA Game Day.

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$51.20
DAILY TOTAL \$128.20
FROM AS LOW AS* \$12.82

THU 10 JUL



Island Escape

Special Event: World Explorer's Amazing Race

Team up for an Amazing Race special event complete with country-themed challenges! Plus, play Hawaiian Luau games, and enjoy a day packed with tropical fun and creativity!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$19.80
DAILY TOTAL \$96.80
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.68

FRI 11 JUL



Ancient Egypt

Service Day

Create ancient scrolls with hieroglyphics and build marshmallow pyramids as you step back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Egypt!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$13.00
DAILY TOTAL \$90.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

MON 14 JUL



African Safari

Make & Take: Safari Camera

Construct your own safari camera and discover how animals use light and shadow to survive. Then, embark on a wild scavenger hunt inspired by the African savannah!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$17.80
DAILY TOTAL \$94.80
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.48

TUE 15 JUL



Asia Awaits

Special Event: Chinese Martial Arts & Drumming

Whip up tasty Japanese cuisine and take part in a special Martial Arts and Chinese drumming session packed with energy and cultural discovery!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$22.50
DAILY TOTAL \$99.50
FROM AS LOW AS* \$9.95

WED 16 JUL



Passport to the Wild

Excursion: Melbourne Museum & IMAX

Discover dinos, bugs, and awesome exhibits at the museum, then head over to IMAX for Museum Alive - a magical night-time adventure with Sir David Attenborough!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$47.20
DAILY TOTAL \$124.20
FROM AS LOW AS* \$12.42

THU 17 JUL



Polar Express

Service Day

Step aboard the Polar Express! Travel to frosty nations and build an epic igloo in this fun-filled winter science and craft adventure.

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$13.00
DAILY TOTAL \$90.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

FRI 18 JUL



Final Flight

Service Day

Get creative by crafting your very own explorer souvenirs to remember your adventures. Then, design a personal passport of memories, filled with highlights from your epic Holiday HQ journey!

BASE FEE \$77.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$13.00
DAILY TOTAL \$90.00
FROM AS LOW AS* \$7.70

Competition T&Cs apply. TP 25/00989. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. *Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement. Please note that programs and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for full terms and the most up-to-date information

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our school has an excellent extracurricular music program with 5 instrumental music teachers offering lessons on various instruments. All instrumental teachers are contractors, set their own fees and timetables. Music lessons can fill up quickly, so waiting lists are a possibility for some lessons. If you are interested in music lessons for your child/ren it is best to contact the teacher individually.

Jess Dunn

Junior Choir, small group ukulele lessons, small group voice lessons, solo lessons (voice or ukulele)

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Mob: 0408 102 542

Hiro Mukai

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Mieke Florisson

Senior (Yr3-Yr6) Piano

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Guitar

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Madeleine Rowe

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2025 Term 2 Curriculum News

Supporting Our Teachers, Supporting Our Students!

Hi Everyone,

We are thrilled to share that our school has recently introduced two new evidence-based literacy programs to support the development of essential reading and spelling skills across the early and middle years of primary school.

From Prep to Grade 2, our students are now participating in InitialLit, a comprehensive, research-backed program that builds strong foundations in decoding, reading fluency, comprehension, and spelling. This program follows a structured and sequential approach to phonics, ensuring that all children are equipped with the critical skills needed to become confident, independent readers. In Years 3 and 4, we have launched Spellex, a program specifically designed to strengthen students' spelling strategies. Spellex builds upon early literacy skills and helps students make connections between word meanings, origins, and patterns – key to improving both vocabulary and written expression.

These programs were chosen following a thorough review of literacy research and are closely aligned with the Victorian Curriculum 2.0. Our teaching staff have engaged in extensive professional development and collaborative planning to ensure high-quality implementation. It has been energising to see the commitment and enthusiasm among staff as they deepen their knowledge of effective reading instruction.

We are already observing the positive impact of these programs in our classrooms. Students are actively engaged, showing growing confidence in their reading and spelling, and developing a love for literacy.

We look forward to continuing to share updates and celebrate the progress of our students as they benefit from these rich learning opportunities.

Warmly,
Kellie



What is InitialLit?

InitialLit is a literacy program for all children from Prep-2. It has been developed by MultiLit, a research based initiative at Macquarie University.

InitialLit teaches children how to read and spell through daily lessons, using research-based teaching methods. It also uses a range of engaging storybooks to develop students vocabulary and oral language.



How does InitialLit teach reading and writing?

InitialLit teaches children that words are made up of sounds and sounds are represented by letters. Unlike learning to talk, which children pick up naturally, children do need to be directly taught the relationship between sounds and letters. They will learn that a letter or letters can make different sounds and that two or three letters together can make a sound.

An InitialLit lesson will take place approximately 4 times a week. The first 20 minutes of the lesson is spent on the floor where children are introduced to new letters, sounds or grammatical concepts in a set order. They will do a number of targeted activities to practise reading and spelling words with the new sound during this whole-class session. After the lesson on the mat, the teacher will work with different groups of children to help them read words, sentences and stories using all the sounds and letters they have been taught. While teacher is working with a group the rest of the class will be doing an activity to consolidate what they have been learning.

SpellEX

SpellEx is a fun and structured way for students to learn how words work—how they're built, how they sound, and how to spell them correctly.

SpellEx teaches important skills like spelling patterns, rules, and word meanings. It also helps students understand why words are spelled a certain way.

Teachers check in regularly on how students are going and adjust lessons to support everyone's needs. SpellEx is based on the latest research and is designed to help all children become more confident, capable spellers.



How to help your child at home with reading!

Model Reading: Let your child see you enjoying reading. Make it a regular part of your day.

Read Aloud: Reading aloud to your child, even older ones, helps them build vocabulary, connect sounds with letters, and enjoy stories too difficult for them to read independently.


Encourage Choice: Allow your child to choose books that interest them, especially as they get older.

Praise Their Efforts: Acknowledge and praise your child's efforts, even if they make mistakes.

Keep it Light: Avoid making reading a chore, and focus on making it enjoyable.

Connect to Their World: Relate the stories you read to your child's life and experiences.

Make Reading Special: Create a special reading place, maybe even a reading den.



Create a Reading Routine: Make reading a regular part of your day, like before bed or after school.

Make it Fun and Interactive: Make reading interactive by pointing at words, talking about pictures, and asking questions.

Build Vocabulary: Focus on new words and discuss their meanings.

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wHeRever yOu look.
Sit Back & Relax,
aLL You NeEd
is A BoOk.

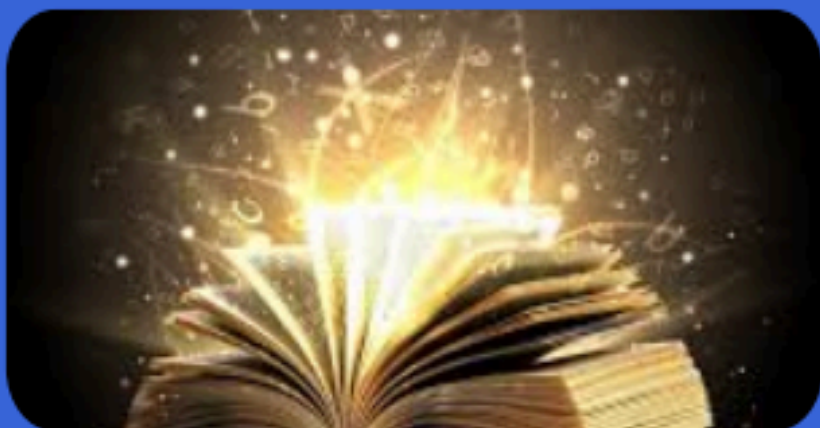


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Use Songs and Rhymes: Utilise songs and nursery rhymes to build phonemic awareness (the ability to hear and manipulate sounds in words).

Talk About Text: Point out letters, numbers, and words in everyday items like cereal boxes and signs.

Keep it Short: If your child has trouble focusing, keep reading sessions short.





Hints

FOR LISTENING TO YOUR CHILD READ

- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
- After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.
- On finding an unknown word:

Pause to give your child time to work out the word.

Prompt

- go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
- look for a clue in the picture or the words.
- look at the first letter and think about what the words could be.
- ask "Does this make sense?"
- try to sound out the word.
- if necessary tell your child the word.

Praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.



Community Notices

Ranges Taekwondo

Ranges Taekwondo Monbulk is looking for new members!!

LEARN TAEKWONDO!

Where: Monbulk Hub – Main St, Monbulk.

When: Monday nights 6-7pm

First two lessons are free to try! (Ages 8+)

Family friendly – Adults and Children



Call Yale – 0408 993 380

Josh – 0408 566 178



Amber Williams
PHOTOGRAPHY

"Wild. Messy. Unhemmed."

Please call or email to arrange your session
Phone 0408 080 796
Email: amberwilliamsphotography@gmail.com
Website: www.amberwilliams.com
Social: www.instagram.com/amberwilliamsphotography



Community Notices

LONGEVITY SECRETS

Why do some older people look vibrant?

Maybe they've discovered their health potential.



Age proof your body

Live better for longer!

IS THIS YOU?

Do you want:

- ✓ More energy?
- ✓ Great sleep?
- ✓ Improved fitness?
- ✓ More strength and better balance?

Is what the health experts say confusing and disjointed?

We give you key elements that we have trialled and tested to extend your health and wellbeing

6 WEEK HEALTH PROGRAM

Our 6 week program developed by a physiotherapist and personal trainer with a combined 60 years dedicated to health and wellbeing will give you the skills you need for a long and healthy life.

Bookings essential as its limited positions.

For details contact:

Allan Abbott 0419 379 371
or
Jess O'Meara 0421 805 696





Tweens, Teens and Screens

Parenting in the Digital Age

A 6-week program for parents of 8 to 14 year olds

This program is for parents who wish to:

- Explore how excessive screen use may negatively impact emotional, social and physical well-being,
Learn how to discuss harmful online
- content with your child such as violence, cyberbullying, online influencers, sexual content, privacy and misinformation
Learn strategies to set boundaries and manage conflict in the family that often
- arises from excessive screen use.
Deal with anxiety and anger - both yours and theirs while improving family relationships
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When: Mondays (6 evening sessions)

Dates: May 12th June 23rd 2025

No session on 9th June - King's Birthday

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free to attend (bookings essential)

Registrations: [Click Here](#) or scan QR code

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au



PARENTZONE



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the **Australian Girls Choir** because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to **sing**, **dance** and **perform**.

**Join us at our
JUNE OPEN DAY**



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

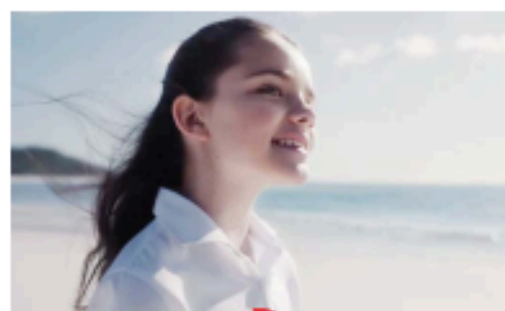


An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, self-esteem, public speaking and presentation skills, all while gaining friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman and Kylie Minogue and have performed at dazzling events including the Australian Open, Prime Minister's Olympic Dinner, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns for 26 years.

Now accepting enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.



 QANTAS

JOIN US AT OUR **JUNE** OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 03 9859 6499



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