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Line**

**1800 660 530**



## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

We made it to the end of Term 1! I am very excited to announce in this newsletter that I have been appointed permanently to Melton Specialist School as your principal. I am really looking forward to working with the school community to set the vision and direction of the school to make improvements to the learning outcomes for our students.

### School Council Update

This term we welcome Glen Glanvill as our incoming School Council President and farewell Elle Gillard our previous President. We would like to officially say Thank you to Elle for her massive contribution to Melton Specialist School over her long time here as President and we feel valued that she will continue to be on School Council as a community member.

### Inclusive Schools

A big thank you and congratulations to Breeanna and Evan for applying for and securing funding through the 2016/17 Inclusive Schools Fund. We have \$200,000 to create a new Indigenous themed Sensory area behind the Senior area of the school. Look for more details in future newsletters.

### Appointments

This term we have appointed several staff to MSS. In Term 2 we welcome Timothy as Classroom Teacher in Room 17 and Jennifer Hill who is replacing Alex as our Speech Pathologist. I'm sure you will all join with me to say Welcome to MSS.

### Proud moments

This week MSS has outdone itself. Jaime-Lee Getson and Patrick Getson participated in the National Swimming Championships this week. They did us proud! 6 GOLD medals and 6 National records! Also Geoff and Sylvia took 7 young people on our annual alpine ride. They completed 106kms in 2 days – what an amazing effort – Well Done to all.

### Term 2 Curriculum Day

In response to our Priority Review, School Council has approved a Curriculum Day Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Just letting you know so you can all plan an extra long weekend!

### Uniform Assistance

Uniform assistance is available through State School Relief CSEF in Term 2 for Year 7 and Prep students, look out for information in future newsletters. There is also ongoing uniform assistance for those families that have a Pension or Health Care Card. Get in contact with the office for more information.

### Holiday Assistance

Whilst we are all enjoying a well-deserved break you may need some support. If you need assistance during the holidays contact Melton City Council 9747 7200, Moorabool Shire Council 5366 7100, MacKillop Family Services 9680 8444, Carers Victoria 1800 242 636, ParentLine 13 22 89, Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a safe and restful break. Looking forward to seeing you all next term.

Best wishes everyone –have a great holiday  
Brooke

**School resumes at 9am  
TUESDAY 18th April 2017**



## Congratulations to our Swimming Stars!

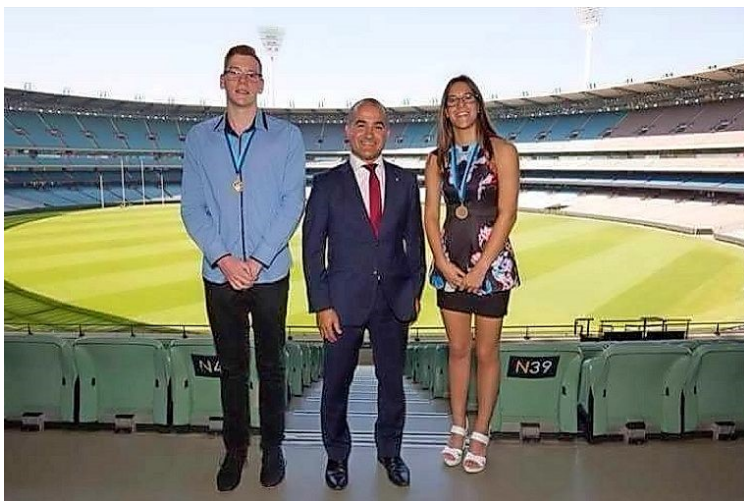
# Melton twins are stars of state

MARCH 21, 2017 11:40 AM  
BY [SUMEYYA ILANBEY](#)

Melton twins Jaime-Lee and Patrick Getson are set for stellar swimming careers.

The 16-year-olds have represented Victoria at several national swimming competitions, hold number one titles and have represented Australia at international competitions.

Their dedication and commitment to swimming was recognised at a Victorian school sports awards ceremony last week.



The siblings, who attend Melton Specialist School, are among 51 junior athletes to be awarded a sporting blue medal – the highest sporting accolade presented by the public school system.

Their mum, Leanne Getson-Ballan, said her children worked tirelessly, with Jaime-Lee recently making it into the world top 10 in the 100-metre backstroke.

“Both Patrick and Jaime-Lee have been honoured to represent their state for the past two years,” Ms Getson-Ballan said.

“They have been nominated again for this year’s state team for the Pacific School Games later in the year.”

The Star Weekly news article above was featured in the Melton & Moorabool edition last week. The whole school community would like to extend their congratulations to the Getson Family for their amazing achievements and support for Jamie-Lee and Patrick. We are all very proud of you!

## Senior Years Snap Shot

Outdoor learning groups in action! Here are our VCAL reading groups enjoying the lovely weather and green areas that are looking fantastic. This shady area was made possible through the Victorian School Garden Awards Grant Program 2016—Turf Grant and the hard work of VCAL staff, students and volunteers





## Harmony Day Celebrations



Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live.  
Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity –  
a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls  
Australia home.



## Australian Grand Prix Excursion

On Friday 24th March a group of Middle Year and Senior Year students had the opportunity to go to the Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park to visit the 'Driving Learning' exhibition. Students had a chance to see some of the amazing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) applications in action. While at the track students immersed themselves in the world of Formula 1®, and learnt about how the race is run, what types of cars do the racing and mingled with leaders in the industry.



## Blackwood Outdoor Specialist School Alpine 100 Ride

A small group of students and two teachers set off on Monday morning to take up the Alpine 100 Ride challenge. The group has ridden 100km along Australia's premier Rail Trail, the scenic Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail. The group are joined by other special schools and participants to enjoy a team building physical challenge as well as fun dinners and group activities.

The Rail trail is located in Northern Victoria is a fully sealed Rail Trail passing through forests, farmlands, open fields, country townships and is silhouetted by the stunning Australian Alps. The route follows a railway line from a bygone era, and while it presents a challenge, it is a thoroughly enjoyable and pleasurable experience as we ride at a comfortable pace through the region.

The ride is fully supported by Victoria Police, local shires, the Rail Trail Committee, St John's, the Savoy Bocce Club and local businesses.

Geoff reported that the team enjoyed some beautiful weather and were very well behaved.





## Middle Years Term 1 Wrap Up

Although we all knew that this term was short, I found that with the jam-packed activities lined up for the term, it went very, very quickly. This term we had lined up SSG meetings, a number of excursions, club activities, Harmony day and our usual reading program to name but a few.

A big thank you to all parents who managed to attend the SSG meetings. It was a pleasure meeting you all. SSGs are very important as they give a complete picture of how the student is travelling both at home and school and allows practitioners to put in place strategies to better address the needs of our students.

Excursions are a great way of learning life skills in real life settings. A number of excursions were lined up for our Middle years school including our regular Blackwood camp and the Alpine ride camp. Judging from reports I got, the students had a good time. Our students had an opportunity to mingle with some renowned table tennis players from Indonesia and Thailand when they paid us a courtesy call in February. It was another successful event and students enjoyed playing table tennis.



Every recess and lunch play we have lined up a variety of clubs and games for students. Students have a choice of the clubs they want to attend. We encourage students to try new clubs and games, that way they can build new friendships and learn something new at the same time.



Harmony day is a day we embrace our cultural diversity. This year's Harmony day theme was 'Strength in Harmony'. Every Middle Years class chose a country they wanted to associate with, they then dressed in the country's colours and prepared food as well. Teachers and students spaghetti eating challenge was the highlight of the event, well done to all those who contributed to this successful event.

In continuing to meet the needs of our students, we have started a new program called hands on learning. This program is for selected students and runs every Monday. We have two groups, group one running between 9:10 - 12:15 and group two at 1:30- 3:00pm.

The reading program is now in full swing and it is encouraging to see students settling into the routine. Parents are encouraged to give students an opportunity to read after school whenever they can.

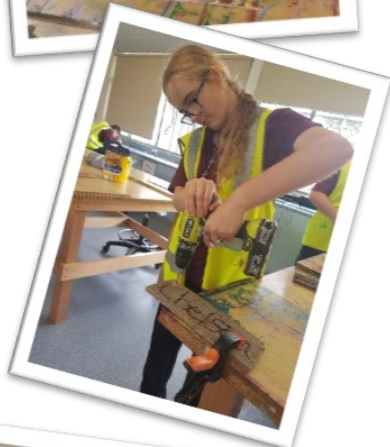
I want to congratulate all students who received their First Aid certificates and remind them that they need to keep refreshing themselves as they may require these skills in an emergency.

Wish you a happy Easter.





# Term 1 Applied Learning Room





We have all had a busy term as usual. The year 7 and 8's have made some wonderful items to take home including starting to make items for our Mother's Day stall.

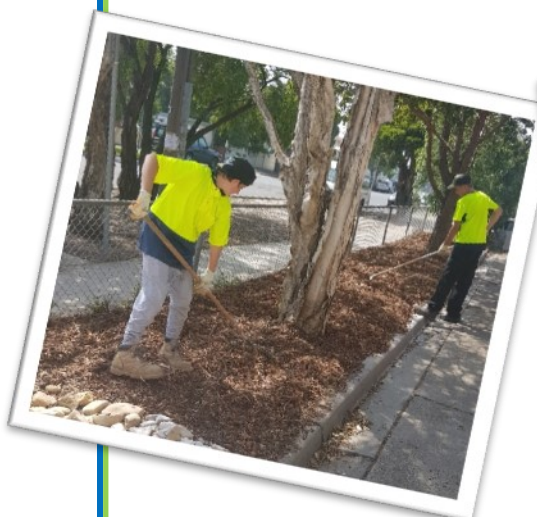
Woodwork on Tuesday have also made some very interesting items that include Blackboards to take home. We have made pots for the Café, which we will plant out next term and build a Herb Garden with the Specs Group.

VCAL students have worked amazingly well, besides keeping our school grounds maintained, they have designed and completed a sensory garden at Yarraville SDS as part of our commitment to working in the Community. The garden has a dry riverbed, a small bridge and a cast iron water pump along with the other sensory items that we built. The students learnt numerous practical tasks along with concreting, while building this part of the garden.

SPECS students also helped with this project moving over 2 mts of river stone, planting native sensory plants and painting benches we made for the school.

We all in Horticulture would like to thank the staff and students for their support in assisting us to care for the gardens within our school.

None of the above would be possible without the dedication, knowledge and work ethic of Sarah and Audrey.



## A word from: Room 28—Sue, Andrea & Renae

On the 23rd March Bunnings generously supplied two staff members and the materials for a lesson in pot decoration and bulb planting with our class.

Students have a wonderful time and were fully engaged in this activity. Students created some fantastic pot designs and we hope their bulbs grow into big beautiful flowers very soon!

A big thankyou to Bunnings and Val for supporting our school and providing a wonderful experience for our students.



## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Prize Winners



Sue is Safe



Rocky is Respectful



Ringo is Responsible

### Junior School

Tahnee Lea Lewis  
Makayla Wright  
Alisha Wiltjer  
Sienna Christopher

### Middle School

Bailey Dever  
Lachlan Corson  
Jamie-Lee King  
Brock Porter

### Senior School

Amy Hibberd  
Jared Kovacevic  
Chol Panthum  
Cate McInnes  
Lance Sanchez

## 2017 Student Representative Council Members

Congratulations to our newly elected SRC members for 2017! The SRC meets fortnightly to discuss matters that are important to the student body and discuss how they can contribute to improving our school to meet student needs. Our representatives are listed below.

**School Captain:** Patrick Getson  
**Vice Captain:** Micheala Schembri  
**Seniors:** Sally Williams  
Jack Meys

**Juniors:** Coby Wait  
Mackenzie Sturzaker

**Middles:** Skye Andrews  
Steven Munivai



## Dates to Remember

Tuesday	18th April	Term 2 begins 9am
Friday	21st April	Anzac Day Remembrance Service 2:30pm
Tuesday	25th April	Public Holiday School Closed—Anzac Day
Monday	8th May	National Volunteer's Week
Tuesday	9th May	School Council Meeting & AGM 6pm
Friday	12th May	PCCC Mother's Day Stall
Monday	15th May	National Families Week
Monday	22nd May	Education Week
Friday	26th May	National Sorry Day
		Mid Term Assembly
Monday	29th May	National Reconciliation Week
Tuesday	6th June	School Council Meeting 6pm
Thursday	8th June	PCCC Special Lunch Order Day
Monday	12th June	Public Holiday School Closed—Queen's Birthday
Tuesday	13th June	Curriculum Day—No Students to attend school
Monday	19th June	Refugee Week
Friday	30th June	End of Term Assembly
		Term 2 finishes 2pm—early dismissal

### Great news! The Teeth on Wheels team are coming to your school!



TeethOnWheelsAustralia #teethonwheels

Teeth on Wheels are a highly qualified dental team who will be coming out to our facility. They press their focus on diminishing dental anxiety by practicing pain free dental treatment. Their mobile clinics are designed to be child friendly, making a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The onsite dental clinic is able to provide all treatments listed below:

- ✓ Examination
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Preventative Fissure Sealants
- ✓ Scale and Clean
- ✓ Fluoride treatment
- ✓ Minor Fillings

We highly recommend signing up with this special program to ensure your child's Oral Health needs are met.

[www.teethonwheels.com.au](http://www.teethonwheels.com.au)

**TEETHONWHEELS™**  
a positive dental experience



Please return Teeth on Wheels Forms to the office by  
**24th April 2017**  
to secure your place.

# There's lots coming up in the City of Melton to keep you moving this April!



[Sign up today](#) and track your activity over the month of April for your chance to win a number of great prizes. Everyone who signs up gets lots of [great deals](#), including 10 free passes to [Melton Waves](#) and a free family swim pass.

## Active April Fun Day

Join us for some school holiday fun at our annual Active April Fun Day. Lots of activities and games to suit all ages from 6 months

Where: The Willows Historical Park, Reserve Rd Melton

When: Tuesday 4th April

Time: 10am-1pm

Cost: FREE!

## Register for a Walking Group and Win!

Register for a [Heart Foundation Walking Group](#) in the City of Melton AND register for [Active April](#) until the end of April for your chance to win a Fitbit Flex (RRP \$149). You must also attend at least two walking groups.



Registered NDIS Provider

**Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection** group meet on the fourth Monday of each month, 10.30am - 12.30pm at the Darley Neighbourhood House in Bacchus Marsh, 33 Jonathan Drive, Darley.



## Easter Games & Activities

10am – 12pm

## Easter Egg hunt

5 & under 11.00am

6-12 year olds 11.35am

Limited places available.

Bookings Essential!

## How to enrol in one of our activities

1. In Person – Caroline Springs Civic Centre
2. By Phone – 9449 8027 or 9747 7200 (Credit Card Only)
3. By appointment – Hillside Community Centre 9449 8027

Hillside Community Centre  
Recreation Reserve, Royal Crescent, Hillside  
PH: 9449 8027 • Email: [hillsidecommunitycentre@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:hillsidecommunitycentre@melton.vic.gov.au)





## TEENAGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

1 April - 13 April 2017

DATE	01/04/17	03/04/17	04/04/17	05/04/17	06/04/17	08/04/17	10/04/17	11/04/17	12/04/17	13/04/17
ACTIVITY	APRIL FOOLERY DANCE PARTY-YOUTH WEEK EVENT	ACMI @ FEDERATION SQUARE	WERRIBEE ZOO WITH SAFARI TOUR	YOU YANGS REGIONAL PARK	ARCHERY AT POINTCOOK	NEXT BIG THING2 - YOUTH WEEK EVENT	HORSE RIDING @ UNCLE NEVS	XTREME PAINTBALL @ PLUMPTON	BOUNCE INC @ ESSENDON FIELDS	ESCAPE ROOM, TEN PIN BOWLING & LASER TAGS HIGHPOINT
COST	\$5.00	\$FREE	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
DESCRIPTION	Youth Week Event - April Foolery Dance Party @ Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre  AGE: 12-17 YRS ONLY DATE: Saturday 1 April TIME: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm ADDRESSES: 121 Calder Park Drive, Taylors Hill  Tickets at the door - Entry \$5.00  Food and snacks available. FREE water! Fully supervised, alcohol, drug and smoke-free.  NO PASS OUTS  Brought to you by Ignite Productions and Free2A.	ACMI is Australia's National Museum for Film, Television, Video Games, Digital Culture and Art.  Join us to explore the wonders of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, including ScreenWorks and the biggest movie library in Victoria, the Australian Mediatheque.	Come along for an adventure to Melbourne's own African themed zoo.  Hear the lions roar and jump on the safari bus and get a closer look at giraffes, zebras, antelopes and more.  Please wear comfortable shoes, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.	EXPLORING @ THE YOU YANGS  The park is popular for its magnificent views, birdlife and bushwalks.  Pull on your boots, grab some old clothes and get ready. We'll hike, sightsee & have a picnic lunch.  Please wear comfortable shoes, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.	Aim for the bullseye in a game of archery as skilled instructors provide basic instruction on how to use a bow and arrow.	Youth Week Event - Next Big Thing2 @ Melton Youth Services  Celebrate National Youth Week with an awesome live music event starring Neighbours star Sinisa, local legends Stand Tall and Just About Dons.  AGE: 12-17 YRS ONLY DATE: Saturday 8 April TIME: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. ADDRESSES: 183 Banties Road, Melton  Tickets at the door - Entry \$5.00  Food and snacks available. Free water! Fully supervised, alcohol, drug and smoke-free.  NO PASS OUTS  Brought to you by Ignite Productions and Free2A.	Enjoy the great outdoors on a horseback.  Join us for a 3-hour trail ride through some of Victoria's incredible country side.  Suitable for all skill levels.  Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.	Test your skills of endurance, leadership and teamwork.  You will be fully briefed with camouflage and protective gear to ensure your safety.  Staff will supervise and participate throughout the day.  Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.	BOUNCE INC is a place where you defy the laws of gravity, soar high and let yourself go.  Try out the Supertramp - Australia's biggest Trampoline  ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Free Jumping Area Trampoline Slam Dunk Big Bag Dodge Ball Courts Huge Foam Pit Clay Wall  2 Hours of Fun & Grip Snacks Included	Together it's time to work out to solve riddles, find hidden objects, crack the clues to beat the clock and escape the room.  Do you think you're a good shot, stick on your feet and a master of elusive ducking? Prove your superiority or just have some fun - there's nothing like a mad game of Laser Tag  Then it's time to strike it lucky and enjoy a game of ten pin bowling
PICK UP TIMES	Melton Diggers Road Taylors Hill Carrivick Springs Taylors Hill Diggers Road Melton	10:00 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM  3:30 PM 3:10 PM 3:30 PM 3:50 PM	10:00 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM  3:30 PM 3:10 PM 3:30 PM 3:50 PM	10:00 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM  3:30 PM 3:10 PM 3:30 PM 3:50 PM	10:30 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM  3:30 PM 3:10 PM 3:30 PM 3:50 PM	N/A N/A N/A N/A  N/A N/A N/A N/A	9:00 AM 9:25 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM  3:45 PM 3:55 PM 4:25 PM 4:45 PM	10:00 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM  3:00 PM 3:10 PM 3:30 PM 3:50 PM	10:00 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM  3:00 PM 3:10 PM 3:30 PM 3:50 PM	10:30 AM 10:25 AM 10:45 AM 11:00 AM  4:00 PM 4:20 PM 4:40 PM 5:00 PM





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**MELTON BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY**

EASTER THEME

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST \$5 ENTRY**

**THE GAP**  
5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON

6-8PM (PRIMARY AGE) | NO PASS OUTS NO BACK PACKS

CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN  
CONTACT: [STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU)  
OR [VALTURNER57@BIGPOND.COM](mailto:VALTURNER57@BIGPOND.COM)  
[WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU](http://WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU)

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Melton City Council

## GET ACTIVATED STAY MOTIVATED



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12. Kids get a chance to try a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!

VISIT: <https://www.trybooking.com/PEMX> to register, NOW!

WHEN: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Caroline Springs)  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April (Melton)

TIME: 10am — 12pm

WHERE: Caroline Springs Leisure Centre  
9 The Parade, Caroline Springs  
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre  
Coburns Road, Melton

COST: \$5 per child

ENQUIRIES: Margaret on 9747 5327  
[margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:margaretz@melton.vic.gov.au)

Great  
fun for  
all!

W: [melton.vic.gov.au](http://melton.vic.gov.au)  
P: 9747 7200



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## Comes To You

### Ballarat

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017



#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Meet Down Syndrome Victoria Team members and other parents for dinner at:

**Robin Hood Hotel**  
(next to kids playground)  
**33 Peel Street North**  
**Ballarat**  
**from 6pm**

Meals and drinks at own cost at the bar

RSVP: 24<sup>th</sup> April –  
[training@dsav.asn.au](mailto:training@dsav.asn.au)

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

A day of workshops to gather useful information.

**Pinarc**  
**1828 Sturt St**  
**Alfredton**  
**9am-3pm**

**Morning tea and Lunch provided**

RSVP: 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Registrations essential –  
[training@dsav.asn.au](mailto:training@dsav.asn.au)  
(please indicate the session/s you would like to attend and any special dietary requirements).

**Please turn over for workshop details**

## MacKillop Family Services

Disability Services (03) 9680 8444

MacKillop has professionally qualified and experienced practitioners who:

- focus on respect for the uniqueness of every person and their family
- promote healthy family functioning and well-being
- provide high quality professional case management support tailored to individual needs to enable goals to be achieved
- build relationships with those we support, promoting choice, participation and inclusion
- have 'technical capacity' — the information, experience, skills, knowledge and expertise to provide a service that supports a child or young person and their family
- listen and respond — we recognise that people make decisions to live the life they choose and we aim to support and enable people's chosen directions
- have a comprehensive understanding of the disability sector.

MacKillop also offer support to parents of children with a disability or global developmental delay. These services can be found in the [Parenting Programs](#) section of our [Western Region Parenting Service](#).

### Disability Intake Service

The Disability Intake Service provides a central point of contact for all disability related enquiries and requests for MacKillop's Disability Services within the Melbourne Metropolitan area.

Anyone is able to contact our Disability Intake Service for general disability related information or consultation support over the phone.

### What we can offer:

- general disability related information
- referral to in-house services
- information on external services and supports
- consultation support on disability related matters to schools, parents and professionals.

Contact the Disability Intake Service on (03) 9680 8444  
or [disabilityintake@mackillop.org.au](mailto:disabilityintake@mackillop.org.au).