

BILINGUAL EARLY INTERACTIONS PROGRAM

GEELONG 2024



Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
9 th Feb 8 th March	3 rd May 31 st May	26 th July 23 rd August	18 th Oct 15 th Nov 13 th Dec

*May be more dates added through-out the year.

WHERE:

Norlane Family and Children Centre
52-56 Gerbera Avenue (Corner Tallis Street)
Norlane

WHEN:

Fridays 10-12pm

You will receive a reminder text prior to each group.
Please RSVP to the text if you can or cannot join us.

Feel free to contact Melanie Walsh, Teacher of the Deaf for more information:
Mel 0437 683898

Bilingual Early Interactions Program for deaf and hard of hearing children

This program aims to support the interactions of young deaf children with a focus on language, social and cognitive skills development in a bilingual early learning environment.

During the session, parents and carers are welcome to have a cuppa and practice Auslan.

Hearing siblings are always welcome.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

For insurance purposes all families who come to ELG need to become members of **Playgroup Victoria**. At the moment membership is FREE for families. There are lots of additional benefits in joining PGV.

Follow the link to register and please ask if you need any help...

<https://www.playgroup.org.au/member-renew/>



THINGS TO REMEMBER EACH SESSION



Photos and videos

Please be mindful when taking photos and videos of your child at ELG that you ask parents for their permission if other children are in the shot, particularly if you may use these on social media. It's important that we respect everyone's privacy.



Sunhat and sunscreen- one for the adults too!



HEALTHY snack and drink- this could be fruit, vegetables, cheese, dry biscuits, water.

Children are free to join in snack time if they are hungry, and we ask that they **sit to eat and drink**.



Comfy, practical clothes for play (a change of clothing....just in case)



Warm coat in winter- one for the adults too!

PROGRAM OUTLINE - 10 to 12

While this program aims to support the communication and early interactions of deaf children, it will remain play-based and guided by early childhood philosophy - teaching and learning will be flexible and respond to the needs and interests of the children.

- **PLAY-** we encourage inside and outside play (depending on the weather)
- **Targeted group activity** - Approximately 30 minutes and may include bilingual games, singing, dancing and/or a story in Auslan
- **SNACK-** children will also have snack time during the later half of the session.



Please see the “**Information for Parents**” brochure which will give you more details about what will happen at Aurora's Social Skills Program. **This will be available early in 2024.* Please read this and talk with your family so that you are familiar with the aims and expectations for children, parents and staff.

Krista and I are looking forward to meeting new families and catching up with the old ones! Hope to see you there, Mel and Krista.

Any questions can be sent to: melanie.walsh@education.vic.gov.au or 0437 68 38 98

