



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Wow, 2020 has definitely been a different year for us all! The good news is we are on our way to enjoying the summer in a COVID-19 safe way.

We can't wait to recommence face-to-face activities in 2021 with you all. Until then we have loads of online activities to get involved in, so keep your eyes out for our e-news to check out all the opportunities!

A big shout out to everyone for doing so well with remote learning from home, and making the transition back to school to be with all your buddies again. This year we are having a Christmas party with a difference, we will be hosting a full day of Christmas activities online, including a Zoom visit from Santa!! We hope you can all join us for some Christmas fun!

From all the CREATE Crew in Victoria we would like to wish you all a very safe and happy festive season and look forward to a safe and exciting 2021.

MEET BEC!



Welcome to the team! How are you finding it?

I'm loving it! It's great to be a part of such a supportive and positive team that are super passionate about the work we do. It's been awesome getting to know all the children and young people that are involved with CREATE and I look forward to all that is to come.

If you were stuck on an island who would you choose to be stuck with you? I think my safest bet would be to choose Bear Grylls! He would be able to show me the ropes on how to survive on the bare necessities, and would be helpful when it comes to making shelter, catching food and trying to find help.

A random fact about you? I love to travel and that's what inspired me last year to move overseas to Canada! I spent 10 months living in Whistler where I got to do a lot of exploring, I learnt to snowboard and made a lot of new friends.

Favourite ice cream flavor? Salted caramel would have to be my fave.



CONNECTION EVENTS

CREATE has been holding connection events for under 13's, via Zoom.

Our connection events are a space for young people to meet and have tons of fun. Some of the events we've had in the past couple of months include: drawing/colouring activities, magic shows, ventriloquist performances and story time with Bella the Bookworm.

We have been giving away a \$50 voucher to a lucky winner in each event, as well as a \$25 voucher to thank all young people for their attendance. Our next connection event will be in January and we're still planning on what we can do.

If you would like more information about our upcoming connection events or have any suggestions you would like to make, please email lydia.mikhail@create.org.au. We would love for you to join in on the fun.



CONGRATS!

CREATE Foundation, in conjunction with The Lookout Centre, want to congratulate the amazing students who have, in spite of COVID-19, completed their school year in 2020.

We are having a graduation celebration to acknowledge all young people all young people completing a school year - all school levels welcome!

We are so excited and looking forward to hearing about all your amazing journeys this year.

One of our very own Young Consultants will be our guest speaker and dinner will be provided.

It will be an online event for all to join us.

For all the details of how to join email:

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YOU
ROCK!



Talia - for being a panelist
on Victorian Student Council
Congress

Tay - for a great presentation for
the Lookout Centre

Salim - for awesome
co-facilitation of CYF
"rolla cashola"

TJ - for co-facilitating her first
Speak Up session

Marcelle - for her first public
speaking activity with CREATE.

To each and every young
person on what has been a very
challenging year for so many.

To the Young People involved
in the HSYEAG and MYAG you
all rock

To all the young people who
have joined and connected with
us thank you! You rock!

Cath - You rock for being an
amazing State Co-Ordinator and
supporting us staff to continue
to reach young people.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TALIA!**

2020 has been a roller coaster
ride here in Victoria, but that has
not stopped our Young Consultant
Talia, achieving great things. Talia
will be graduating Year 12 this year,
in spite of the challenges of online
learning and the harsh lock down in
Melbourne. Talia has not let these
obstacles get in her way!

Talia is not only graduating, but
graduating with flying colours, and
has received an award for academic
excellence - what an amazing
achievement!

Talia was invited to be a panelist for
the Victoria Student Representative
Council Congress.

Students from across Victoria came
together to plan action that will
help solve issues in the education
system. This year was the first time
the event included a panel featuring
three students from diverse
backgrounds and experiences.

The lively discussion was thought
provoking and highlighted some of
the challenge's students experience
in education as well as the strengths
and ideas for change that they have
to offer. Talia was able to represent
the voices of young people in care
and to highlight the challenges
faced within the education system.
Great advocacy Talia!!!



QUOTE FROM A YOUNG PERSON

"The CYF workshops have been awesome so far. They have given me a chance to learn new skills while also creating an opportunity to connect with other young people with similar experiences to my own. I've been so grateful to have been able to participate and really hope we can continue doing more in the future." - Young Consultant, Tobias, 20

COMING SOON!

EVENTS CALENDAR

| DATE | WHAT | WHERE | CONTACT |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 3/12/2020 | SUP level 1 part 1 | Online | patrick.weiniger@create.org.au |
| 04/12/2020 | SUP Level 1 part 2 | Online | patrick.weiniger@create.org.au |
| 09/12/2020 | YAG Christmas party | Online | victoria@create.org.au |
| 12/12/2020 | CREATE Christmas party | Online | victoria@create.org.au |
| 15/12/2020 | End of School year celebration | Online | Deborah.watson@create.org.au |
| January date TBA | Connection Event | TBA | victoria@create.org.au |



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