



# Bialiks New Creche

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Bialik College is delighted to announce the opening of its spectacular new Creche, the Judith Hellen Children's Centre, on 1 July, 2019. The state-of-the-art facility warmly welcomes children as young as 3 months through to 3 years to its inclusive, nurturing community.

Bialik is also thrilled to report the recent appointment of Creche Manager, Melanie Turkopp. Melanie comes to Bialik with 30 years of experience in the early childhood profession, working in many different roles including looking after newborn babies, Room Leader in Children's Services, as well as Lecturer and Educational Leader both in Australia and overseas. Melanie also worked with VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) to create resources that highlight preschool children as confident, intelligent and active participants in their world.

Melanie explains, "Infants and toddlers have

long been a focus of my attention, curiosity and pure amazement because of their innate ability to explore, discover and be involved learners."

Flexible and child-centred, the Bialik Creche is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, as well as Bialik's Cultures of Thinking project, developed in collaboration with the University of Harvard, and which encompasses and reflects the whole school pedagogy, inclusive of our rich Hebrew and Jewish studies program.

The Creche is part of Bialik's award-winning ELC, which is renowned for its outstanding educators and excellent educational outcomes. It is in a stunning new building on the Bialik campus, a secure and safe environment with access to superb facilities like Bialik's Gringles Sports Centre, gyms, libraries and beautiful outdoor areas.

The creche opens on July 1 and Melanie is now taking interested families. Please contact her on 03 9822 7982 to make a booking for a personal tour.