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BIALIK COLLEGE

After topping the state VCE results in 2018 for the second time in three consecutive years (and having been in the top five of the state for a remarkable 22 of the last 23 years), Bialik College—a non-selective school—is proudly heading into the new year with lots to look forward to.

Realising the College's vision to grow the Bialik family, the freshly-built creche opens its doors in July 2019. Children as young as three months through to three years are warmly welcomed into our inclusive, nurturing community. With a Hebrew educator in every room as well as Art, yoga and music taught by specialist teachers, applications are already open and places are filling fast.

Flexible and child-centred, the Bialik Creche is Reggio Emilia-inspired and part of Bialik's award-winning ELC, which is renowned for its leading pedagogy, 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 Bialik's best-in-class facilities.

From ELC through to VCE, there are exciting initiatives in 2019 that will encourage students to pursue excellence in all aspects of College life. Leadership, Health and Wellbeing, Jewish Life, social growth and learning will all be undertaken within the Cultures of Thinking framework.



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This approach began at Bialik over a decade ago as a joint research project with Project Zero at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education and is now a world-renowned, professionally lauded method of teaching.

We know that some of the best learning takes place out of the classroom and with this in mind, the Year 9 cohort will embark on a new program (replacing the more traditional City Week offered in other schools) 'Entrepreneurship Week'. Promoting unbridled, independent and innovative thinking, this exciting experience is also designed to enhance the students' life skills and independence. Based in the innovation hub of Richmond

and Cremorne, during the week, students will use public transport to navigate their way to businesses, organisations and co-working hubs. They will engage with CEO guest speakers, interview successful entrepreneurs and pitch their own ideas to respected figures in the business world. Mentored by Bialik alumni who themselves have had success as entrepreneurs, the students will learn the basics of running a business and present their pitches to a panel of judges at the end of the program.

In the past few years, students throughout Bialik's Primary, Middle and Senior schools have been recognised for their amazing achievements in external STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering

and Maths) initiatives, like the Victorian Science Talent Search, FIRST LEGO League Regional Robotics Competition, the Everybody Dance NAO Robot Dance Competition and BrainSTEM's Innovation Challenge. These and many other thrilling opportunities will be available to students this year, as well as many programs that are aimed at getting more girls involved in STEM.

Health and Wellbeing continues to be a key focus in 2019. From Prep to Year 12, students will benefit from the College's exceptional program that develops the whole student and deals with building healthy relationships, healthy minds and healthy bodies.

Of course, Bialik's regular offerings will continue through the year—Dogs for Life in Primary classrooms, an outstanding Sports program, Visual and Performing Arts events, Science Week and, of course, the bi-annual Secondary School musical production. This year, students will enthral us with their production of *Seussical*. Finally, in August, over 400 educators from across the globe will descend on the College for the 7th Biannual Cultures of Thinking Conference with keynote speakers from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Enrol your child now in the Bialik Creche by calling the ELC on 9822 4599 or email creche@bialik.vic.edu.au