

Students setting the agenda for the upcoming Regional Student Voice Conference.



Making their voices heard

Regional conference is set to discuss the issues that matter to Geelong students

Oberon High School students Adrick Widdowson, Beau Beal and Akira Parker shared their reflections on the Regional Student Voice Conference Leadership Day.

As student leaders from government secondary schools across the Geelong region, we recently came together for the Regional Student Voice Conference Leadership Day to begin planning the Regional Student Voice Conference, which will take place on September 17.

This Leadership Day is what makes our conference truly "Built by Students." Powered by Students. We worked together to design the conference agenda, discuss the

issues that matter most to young people, and create workshops and activities that we know will inspire meaningful conversations and real change in our schools.

The Regional Student Voice Conference is an opportunity for 150 student leaders from government secondary schools across the Geelong region to come together, share ideas, learn from one another and explore the challenges facing young people today. Most importantly, it's a chance for students to have genuine input into how we can improve our schools and strengthen student voice, wellbeing, learning and our school communities.

What makes this conference

different is that it is completely led by us. From the planning and presentations to the workshops and discussions, students are responsible for creating and delivering the day. It gives us the opportunity to build our leadership skills, work alongside students from other schools and show that young people have valuable ideas and solutions to share.

One of the best things about the conference is that it is completely free for every Victorian government secondary school to attend. This means every school has the opportunity to be involved, regardless of its budget.

This incredible opportunity is only possible because of the generosity of our sponsors. We

would like to sincerely thank Geelong Tech School, Bakers Delight, OE Digital, Winc, Caravans R Us and Geelong Connected Communities.

Their support allows students like us to come together, learn from one another and make a positive difference in our schools. We're still looking for more

sponsors to help keep the conference free for everyone. Every contribution helps provide catering, resources and an amazing leadership experience for the 150 students attending.

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Student leaders from government secondary schools across Geelong came together to share ideas and explore the challenges facing young people at the Regional Student Voice Conference Leadership Day.

across the Geelong region, we'd love to hear from you. To find out more about sponsoring the Regional Student Voice Conference, please contact Oberon High School. Together, we can continue building opportunities for students to lead, collaborate and create positive change.

KIDS' READS

YOU & ME AND THE GIGANTIC KNUCKLEHEAD, ANDY GRIFFITHS, ILLUSTRATED BY BILL HOPE, PAN AUSTRALIA, RRP \$17

After enjoying the Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths, I was excited to read this book also written by him. This action-packed fictional story follows the adventures of two friends who are turned into giants after playing in a super growth formula. The townsfolk banish them to the Land of the Giants. There they encounter many characters including Mog, Brog and their mum and dad and Johnny Knucklehead, the King of the Giants. The book follows the friends' capture and escape, plus the discovery that Johnny Knucklehead isn't as mean and greedy as people think. I loved the humour and detailed illustrations and the message that everyone deserves a second chance.

TOM L, 10



THE NOT SO QUIET LIFE OF MARCEL MARCEAU, JENN BAILEY & SHERRY BUSHUE, ILLUSTRATED BY PAMELA ZAGARENSKI, ALLEN & UNWIN, RRP \$30

This is the true story of famous mime artist Marcel Marceau. He was very interested in mime and cinema, and studied art and drawing, but he had to leave his home during World War II. Jewish families were forced to march out of France into boxcars, Marcel joined his brother underground. Before German soldiers found him, he changed his name. At an orphanage, he taught kids to draw and act. He knew the Jewish orphans had to get out, but their help was 500km away on the Swiss border. So they set out on a journey. Marcel made the journey again and again until all the children were free, although some were not so lucky and were captured and killed. Soon he joined the French free forces. There was no more need to hide. The Germans surrendered – 1945, no more guns, bombs or war. Marcel was offered a chance to perform and boldly took centre stage.

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