

# GET INVOLVED

## Families

Reach out via message or call. We are here to help answer any of your questions and welcome new families to visit our service.

## Volunteers

We are always on the look out for caring volunteers to change lives and make a real difference. If you can give six hours a week, we would love to hear from you.

## Donations

Should you be able to provide financial assistance please make donations to:

Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633 000  
ACC: 147119010  
REF: Your Name

# THE DETAILS

## Where ✓

Ringwood Biala is located on the premises of the Ringwood Uniting Church with the Kindergarten entry via Greenwood Ave.

## Days and Times ✓

Children attend Thursdays 9:15am until 2:30pm. Outreach support is available Mondays during school terms.



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RINGWOOD

## RESPITE CARE FOR ADDITIONAL NEEDS KIDS

We understand the challenges parenting children with additional needs children and have provided a safe space to embrace your family as our own.

Our daycare program is personalised to each child for their wellbeing, whilst also taking the financial and time pressures of you and your family.

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We welcome your enquiry

# ABOUT US

Biala is an aboriginal word meaning "I understand" and it is through this understanding and empathy that we created this program. Biala Ringwood is a respite program designed to give parents of children with special needs (0 to 6 years) relief

## "I UNDERSTAND"

But Biala is not just a respite for the parents, but an opportunity for the children to thrive in an environment suited to them.

Our parents leave their children with confidence, knowing that the children are well cared for by loving volunteers, under the direction of our coordinator.



# WHAT WE DO

## Benefits

There are a range of benefits for both families and children:

- A ratio of one carer to each child
- A personalised approach based on each child's needs.
- Activities that are designed to stimulate your child's development
- Socialisation with other children and carers that is not available with in-home care.
- Support to parents and guardians to enhance the whole family's quality of life.
- Coffee mornings to provide an opportunity to share with other families
- Weekly music program.

## Costs

We understand that additional needs come with additional costs in many ways and we want to alleviate that burden as much as we can.

We are a not-for-profit initiative through the Ringwood Uniting Church and as such only ask for a contribution of \$10 per child per day.

# OUR PEOPLE



We run primarily with the help of volunteers who come regularly to provide a consistent safe space for the children. All volunteers and program are overseen by our qualified coordinator.

## Referrals

Referrals are not necessary, however many children are referred specifically to us. Including:

- Royal Children's Hospital
- Maternal & Child Health Nurses
- Pre-school Teachers
- Welfare Workers
- Early Intervention Program Staff
- Human Resources
- Allied Health Professionals