Modern learning in a heritage location at the Hive

Having opened in 2018, the Hive Early Learning Centre has 125 places offering early education for children aged six weeks old until school age. With each of the centre's five rooms dedicated to a different age group, weekly sports and music classes are provided to children, with the daily curriculum focused on play-based learning. The Hive ELC Geelong is heritage-listed and won architectural awards in 2018, as well as several other awards for utilising a heritage space.

"Our heritage section of the building was a community hall and a library – we celebrate our rich history, incorporating a library into our foyer where you can sit and relax with your child engaging in the beauty of literacy through books," says centre director Christine Bristow.

Set just off the Portarlington Highway in Newcomb, the Hive ELC team believes that communication is the key to successful and nurturing relationships.

"We value families and communities and believe that every child is unique and brings with them their own personal characters to the centre," Ms Bristow says.

"We embrace and celebrate diversity and wecome each and everyone within our centre community and our wider community too."

An onsite cook prepares all children's meals, and the menu is a wholefoods menu prepared with nutritionists' advice and expertise.

With daily communication and updates through the ParentHub app, the Hive ELC is actively moving towards its sustainability goal of becoming paper free and completing all documentation digitally.

With dedicated and passionate educators, a great location and engaging play spaces, enroll your child at the Hive ELC now for a four-week free promotion.

"We welcome you to come and have a tour of our centre and experience for yourself the warm, loving and educational culture of our beautiful setting," Ms Bristow says.

Your child will feel welcome, encouraged and at home with specialist educators at the Hive ELC.
(Pictures: Supplied)

The Hive ELC is located at 70/72 Portarlington Road, Newcomb.
For more information, phone (03) 5248 6139 or visit www.thehiveelc.com.au/geelong-vic.

Ear we go again

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It is a common misconception that hearing loss is an issue that is usually only faced by older people. However, hearing loss is certainly a huge issue for younger people.

The World Health Organisation reported that half of 12-35 year olds on the planet – over a billion people – are at risk of hearing loss because of over-exposure to loud sounds.

In Australia, there were about 3.6 million young people with hearing loss in 2017. According to Deloitte Access Economics, this figure will double in 40 years.

Many people included in this startling figure are going to be today's kids, teens and young adults who spend extended time on headphones, listening to loud music or playing games.

Once hearing is gone, it's really gone. However, steps can be taken to prevent hearing from getting worse.

To give context to just how loud we can unwittingly turn up a device's volume when they're already in a noisy environment such as a train, construction site, or loud crowd, try listening to the same volume level in a quiet room. It's very, very loud, and that noise is literally hurting your ears.

Try to limit the volume that you and your kids listen to music, watch television or play games at, whether it be through headphones or speakers. Reducing background noise will make it easier for you to hear the audio you wish to listen to without needing to crank up the volume.

Noise-induced hearing loss is accumulative, so it can creep up on someone before they either notice or acknowledge it. People around will notice a young person's 'deafness', often attributing it to inattention or just a quirk.

But it's very real and it may be happening right now. Check your own volume or have a chat with kids and friends, otherwise they might wind up with hearing aids long before their senior years.

For more information, visit www.hearing.com.au.