

JCA

VITAL SUPPORT FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Jewish education is the cornerstone of a vibrant, resilient Jewish community. In NSW and the ACT, JCA plays a critical role in sustaining this foundation, ensuring that children grow up with a strong sense of Jewish identity, community and pride.

JCA funds essential programs across our local Jewish day schools – Moriah College, Emanuel School, Kesser Torah College, Mount Sinai College and Masada College – making Jewish education more accessible through fee assistance. This support helps countless families provide their children with a quality Jewish education, regardless of financial circumstances. In addition, JCA funding enables specialised programs for students with diverse learning needs, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically and Jewishly.

Beyond our day schools, JCA supports



Strengthening Jewish identity through education.

the NSW Board of Jewish Education (BJE) and the NSW Board of Progressive Jewish Education (BPJE). These organisations play an indispensable role in bringing Jewish learning and heritage to children not enrolled in Jewish schools. Through after-

school programs, Hebrew and Jewish studies classes, camps and immersive experiences, they help instil Jewish knowledge and traditions in thousands of young people.

At its heart, Jewish education is

about more than just knowledge - it's about nurturing a deep-rooted sense of belonging. Through their Jewish learning journeys, our children form lifelong friendships, share in traditions, and build a resilient Jewish identity. They grow up understanding the importance of community, the values that have guided our people for generations, and the pride that comes from being part of something larger than themselves.

Thanks to the support of JCA and the generosity of our donors, we are investing in the next generation of Jewish leaders, thinkers and community members. Together, we are ensuring that Jewish life continues to flourish in NSW and the ACT for many years to come.

For more information about JCA visit jca.org.au

JNF AUSTRALIA

NURTURING A NEXT-GEN BOND WITH ISRAEL

JNF Australia continues to play a vital role in fostering a deep, personal connection between young Jewish Australians and the land and people of Israel. Through a dynamic education program, thousands of students – from primary school to high schoolers and youth movement participants – have experienced engaging, hands-on activities that inspire pride, understanding and lifelong ties to Israel.

Led by NSW Education Manager Hilli Lam, the program is designed to educate and empower. From the classroom to youth movement camps, students are introduced to the real impact of JNF Australia's projects on Israeli society, from reforestation and environmental initiatives to providing life-saving infrastructure in vulnerable communities.

"Our goal is to connect kids to Israel in a meaningful, relatable way," said Lam.

"When they understand the role they can play in shaping Israel's future, it becomes personal. It becomes part of their responsibility to undertake."

JNF Australia education has two main programs; Chai and Seek, and Israeli Passport Peula. Chai and Seek is an



JNF Australia is committed to nurturing the next generation's bond with Israel.

interactive mission-based challenge in which students complete tasks inspired by JNF's real projects in Israel, supporting displaced families, building water reservoirs and healing spaces. The goal is to introduce JNF's impact in a fun, engaging way that combines creativity, teamwork and Israeli spirit.

The second program, Israeli Passport Peula, enables students to travel around different "cities" in Israel, completing activities and getting their Israeli passports stamped. Along the way, they learn about Israeli geography, culture (like matkot and

shoko besakit), and JNF's critical work.

Youth movement winter camps remain a yearly highlight, with Hineni, Bnei Akiva, Netzer, Habonim, Tzofim and Betar all welcoming JNF's educators.

"Camps are a special opportunity to connect with students beyond the classroom ... and strengthen their sense of Jewish identity and connection to Israel," said Lam.

"Especially now, it's more important than ever to share JNF's work and deepen the connection between our youth, their movements, and Israel."

In primary schools, students have explored Israel's geography, history and culture through creative activities like designing their own Blue Box tote bags, connecting them with the origin of JNF donations – the Blue Box.

In high schools, students learn about the real challenges Israelis face and the important role JNF Australia plays in responding to crises.

As part of the emergency campaign to fund bomb shelters, Lam worked with Hebrew students at Moriah College to connect them with Israeli students their own age who rely on these shelters for safety. "It's about empathy and awareness," she said.

For Jewish students in public schools, JNF partners with the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) to run sessions celebrating Israeli culture through food, dance, storytelling, and interactive games.

JNF Australia is proudly helping ensure that the next generation doesn't just learn about Israel – they feel part of it.

For more information about JNF Australia's education program visit jnf.org.au or email education@jnf.org.au

Exploration. Leadership. Innovation.

ELI Academic Gap Program

ELI is the first gap-year program in Israel to offer Jewish youth from around the world an opportunity to enrich their identity and build leadership skills through an ambitious and immersive college-preparatory approach.

Offered through The Lowy International School at TAU, the program runs in English and draws on TAU's global reputation in entrepreneurship, research, and leadership, and on Israel's rich Jewish history and present.



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