

WE SPOKE TO...
298 KIDS
 AGED 8 - 12 YEARS OLD...

OUR VISION
 All children (aged 8 to 12 years) and families in Mount Alexander Shire are happy, safe, active and connected.

THIS IS WHAT YOU TOLD US...

THE TOP **3** THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU ARE:

- **FAMILY** • **FRIENDSHIPS** • **BEING HEALTHY**

WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT LIVING IN YOUR TOWN

- ♥ the lifestyle (it's quiet and peaceful, you can walk / ride everywhere)
- ♥ the community (everyone knows each other)
- ♥ the environment (being close to nature)

WHAT YOU WORRY ABOUT

- ☀ being ready for high school
- ☀ climate change action

WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE LIFE BETTER

- ☀ more climate change action
- ☀ more places for big kids to play
- ☀ cheaper activities



SOME OF THE THINGS WE ARE GOING TO DO...

Teach kids, families and teachers about to look after your mental health and how to get help when times are tough.

Improve walking and cycling paths to schools.

Support schools to teach Indigenous histories and culture.

Help schools to be more inclusive of gender and sexually diverse kids.

Make the transition program from primary school to high school better.

Encourage climate change action and sustainability.

Look at creating better play spaces for big kids.

Try to make Castlemaine Skate Park better for kids aged 8-12 and families.

Expand the Mondo Lounge youth space to include kids aged 10+.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE...

HAPPY AND SAFE KIDS

- By this we mean that all kids and families:
- have positive mental health
 - are safe online and off-line
 - are ready to transition to high school

ACTIVE AND ADVENTUROUS KIDS

- By this we mean that all kids and families:
- can be physically active
 - can connect with the environment and play in nature
 - have access to child friendly spaces for all seasons

CONNECTED KIDS AND FAMILIES

- By this we mean that all kids and families:
- know what is going on and can access useful services
 - can find jobs that suit families and out-of-school-hours care
 - can participate in activities