

# Future of Merri-bek

The future is up for grabs, and your students can shape it!

**Future of Merri-bek** is a young-people-led forum that places student voices and innovation at the centre of community change. Delivered in collaboration between Crazy Ideas College and Merri-bek City Council, the program brings together students from across the region to work with local leaders and industry.

As the Council explores opportunities for third spaces that young people can utilise, they have a unique opportunity to engage meaningfully - imagining a bright future for Merri-bek through this space and designing practical ideas to help make it happen.

- Date: 25 June 2026
- Time: 9:10am – 2:45pm
- Venue: Fawkner Community Sports Hall
- Cost: Free



Designed as a youth-focused experience, the program enables students to collaborate with peers, share creative ideas, and build personal agency in future thinking.

## What do young people get out of it?

- Future thinking helps young people practise imagining bold possibilities, not just responding to what exists today.
- It builds confidence and agency to shape what's next.
- Students learn to work with uncertainty, think critically, and explore multiple pathways forward.
- Collaborating with community members exposes students to diverse perspectives and network beyond the school gate.



### Morning:

Futures activities to explore possibilities, challenges, and opportunities.

### Outcome:

A vibrant mix of insights, solutions, and student-led visions for Merri-bek's exploration of third space.

### Afternoon:

Co-design sessions with community partners to develop bold, practical ideas.