

About Extended Families Australia

Extended Families Australia is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation that facilitates positive connections between children and young people with disabilities, their families and the community.

About Intercultural Connections Funding

This program is offered by Extended Families Australia with funding through the Brimbank Council Community Grants Program

**'Friendship, Fun
and Community Access'**

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**Kết nối Intercultural
Connections School
Holiday PROGRAM
2024 Brimbank**

● Program ELIGIBILITY

Families of **Vietnamese background living in Brimbank** who have a child with a disability aged between **5- 25 years of age** are very welcome to contact us about participating in the program!

At our Events, **at least one parent or guardian must accompany** the child with a disability. **Siblings up to 17 years** can also attend !

● Event STAFFING

Depending on the number of RSVPs we receive , **our Events have between 4-5 Extended Families staff present.**

Both **male and female community inclusion staff attend** who are:

- employed by Extended Families Australia
- have extensive community inclusion experience,
- NDIS worker screen checked.

Additionally, at least 2-3 staff members are present at each Event who speak fluent Vietnamese.

In working with Community Activity Providers, we ask that our partners have Working with Children Checks and are experienced in leading the activities that we engage them to provide. We develop detailed Event Plans to ensure all goes well on the day of the event.

● Program COST & Getting INVOLVED

Each family is asked to contribute a \$10 fee to participate in each event. If families are unable to afford this fee, they can discuss a reduced contribution with the Program Coordinator.

To become involved in all the fun of Intercultural Connections, families will need to complete an **Enrolment Application Form** by contacting the Program Coordinator: **Thanh Nguyen 0451 665 057 E: Thanh.Nguyen@extendedfamilies.org.au**

● HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

All Intercultural Connections Events are aimed at supporting Brimbank families living with disability to become more active, **try new experiences and build skills making them more resilient and more connected** to each other and their wider community! **Four events will be held in 2024!**

Each school holidays, enrolled families of Vietnamese background receive support from bilingual Extended Families community inclusion staff to participate in a facilitated community events organised by Extended Families that is run in collaboration with different cultural groups represented in Brimbank.

Each Event is 3 hours long and contains within it lots of fun activities for participants with disabilities **aged 5-25 years** and their siblings (up to age 17) to engage in!

Between 50-70 people usually attend our events. On average, 35-45 of these are children and youth. A parent, guardian or formal carer must attend along with child who has a disability. Our staff plan activities with our cultural group partners and with program participants, considering participant interests, abilities and support needs. **We make sure there are enjoyable activities available for everyone to take part in!**

The focus of Ket Noi Intercultural Connections will be to undertake fun **family-based activities** that help us learn about the cultural practices of other community groups. In 2024, we will be doing a range of engaging **cooking, sporting, arts and crafts activities** and learning how to greet each other in different languages!

Event invitations are sent out to enrolled families **4 weeks before each scheduled event.** The invitations describe the activities that will be undertaken, the time and place of the event. You will need to RSVP your attendance 2 weeks prior and we will send you a confirmation text confirming your spot at the event.