Variety SHINE Intensive Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Location: Port Phillip Specialist School, Port Melbourne
(enter via Visual and Performing Arts Centre building on Farrell Street, see map on last page).

Parking: There is plenty of free parking located around the school area (on Farrell, Nott, Pool and Princes street).

Public Transport: Tram 109 or by bus on Bay Street, Port Melbourne www.ptv.vic.gov.au

Program Dates:

Week 1 – Monday 6th – Friday 10th January 2020

Week 2 – Monday 13th – Friday 17th January 2020

Week 3 – Monday 20th – Friday 24th January (Please note on Friday 24th January we finish at 1pm)

Program Times: You will be allocated a time of 9am or 9.30am to arrive on the Monday. Please plan to spend an hour talking to staff about your child and completing unsubmitted paperwork after arrival time on the first day of the program.

For the remainder of the week, please arrive at 9am and collect your child by 3pm. If your child is at the program on Friday 24th (Week 3), collect your child by 1pm.

What to bring:

1. Food and drinks – Just like school we require you to supply all lunch/snacks and drinks for your child for the day. Healthy food is preferred where possible. Please note we have a NO NUTS policy. Every now and then we may have other restrictions if we are advised of any students attending with additional allergies.
2. Any reports or forms we are still awaiting on. You will have been contacted with a list of outstanding reports prior to attendance.
3. A sample of your child's written work and/or art work would be useful.
4. If your child has asthma, allergies, epilepsy, anaphylaxis or a safety plan from their school or doctor, bring a copy of this with you on the first day. Please bring an EpiPen if your child needs access to one. Senior staff will look after these during the program.
5. A water bottle with your child's name listed on it for each day.

Your child will have numerous breaks during the day and participate in a number of fun activities organised around his/ her program goals. The activities will involve using art activities, cooking, computers, dance, drama, games, music (singing and instrument usage), and physical activities (sport), playing games with others as well as some academic type activities—writing stories etc.

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Students completing a degree in Speech Pathology will be working with your child in the intensive program. This program will be supervised by qualified and experienced speech pathologists and other disciplines who will be responsible for the program. We will also have Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Audiologists, Special Education staff and a range of specialist teachers. Several researchers will be available to discuss your child's participation in research projects you may choose to participate in.
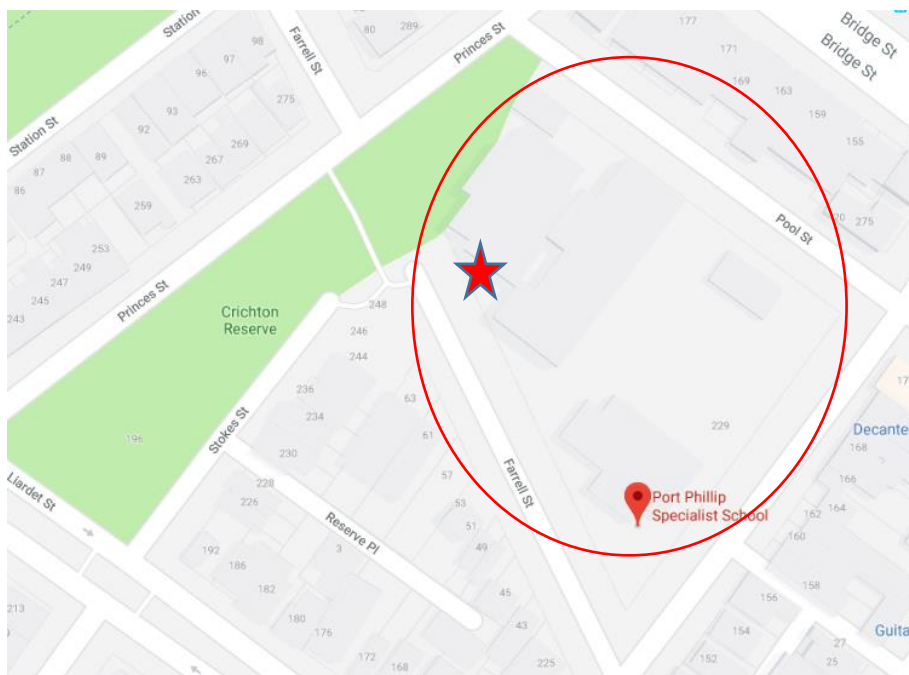
During the program, Board Members and Committee Members from Variety and/or the Foundation or other funding bodies may attend to see our work— as they provide some of the funding for these programs and they want to ensure that our work is appropriate and useful to families. Some of these people may want to speak with you—if you have concerns about this then please let us know.

Should you wish to visit your child during the day please discuss this with us and we will make arrangements with you to do so.

Final Reports – Final reports take time to compile, you will receive an email with your report by the end of March 2020. Please share this report with your child's support team - including but not limited to school, therapists and other agencies you work with.

If you have any questions—you can email shine@varietyvic.org.au, call 03 8698 3900 or talk to us during the program.

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