

# Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)

## St Joseph's Primary School Community Council

Snowy Valleys Council

Funding requested: \$300,000

**Summary:** St Joseph's Primary School is seeking to construct a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) to enhance educational delivery and community engagement. The proposed structure will be a weatherproof, multi-purpose space designed to support outdoor learning, physical education, performances, and whole-school gatherings throughout the year. The COLA will provide a safe and inclusive environment that promotes student wellbeing and supports diverse learning styles. It will also serve as a venue for key school events such as Book Week celebrations, Easter Hat Parades, and Opening and End of Year Masses. The space will be utilised for visits from the Snowy Valleys Council Library and creative workshops aligned with the Snowy Valleys Sculpture Trail.

**Community value:** The Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) will provide lasting value to the Adelong community by offering a versatile, weatherproof space for education, wellbeing, and engagement. It will support collaborative programs with local schools and preschools, and host events such as literacy sessions, creative workshops, and cultural celebrations. These activities will foster stronger community connections and promote inclusive participation across all age groups. The COLA will also contribute to improved mental health and wellbeing by encouraging outdoor interaction and providing a safe, accessible environment for gatherings. The space will enhance educational infrastructure, helping retain families in the area and contributing to long-term social sustainability.



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