Thursday 2 May 2019

Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

by Michelle Read, Youth Project Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation

“I wish to acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay respect to their elders, past and present. I also wish to pay respect to any Elders from other communities and acknowledge any future young leaders who are here”

1. Presentation – Ardoch Foundation Youth Programs

Presented by Regina Augustin (Ardoch Foundation)

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Ardoch – Realising Children’s Potential through Education

* Ardoch is an education charity focused on improving educational outcomes for children and young people in disadvantaged communities.
* Our vision is that “every child’s potential is realised through full participation in education”.

Ardoch’s Work in Wyndham

* Wyndham Park Primary School, Woodville Primary School, Manor Lakes P-12 College and Iramoo Primary School.
* 3 new partner schools in 2019, 3 new partner schools in 2020.
* Ardoch received a 3-year funding from the Department of Education and Training to deliver our STEM suite of programs:
  + Tech Box ($2000 worth of equipment and a $300 professional development session for teachers)
  + Scienceworks excursion
  + Numeracy Buddies

Numeracy Buddies

* Become a Big Buddy.
* Match with a Little Buddy at one of Ardoch’s Partner Primary Schools in Wyndham.
* Blog 6-8 times over two terms.
* Visit the School in the middle of the year to meet your Little Buddy.
* Host your Little Buddy at your workplace at the end of the program.
* Current Big Buddies: Bendigo Bank, Bank of Melbourne, Victoria University, University of Melbourne.

How to become a Big Buddy:

* Sign up – full name and email address.
* Complete the online registration form.
* Complete the online induction.
* Get Working with Children Checked.

The matching process:

* We do our very best to match our Big and Little Buddies, not only based on gender but interests.
* The All About Me profiles.

Tips and Tricks: The Big Buddy Pack

* Every Big Buddy receives a Big Buddy Pack.
* Includes information around Child Safety.
* Tips on how to engage with your Little Buddy.

The Visits Unpacked: What to expect

* The visits are structured with an agenda.
* 2 - hour duration.
* Includes morning/ afternoon tea and FUN activities.

Other Ardoch Programs:

* Education Volunteers.
* Learning Through Lunch.
* Pathways Beyond School (i.e. Speed Careers, Mock Interviews, Industry Visits and You-niversity).
* Writer in Residence.

*We are always looking for volunteers!*

1. Presentation – Flexible Learning Pathway (FLIP) Program

Presented by Jodie Peterson (FLIP – Wyndham & Hobson’s Bay)

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What is FLIP?

* Flexible Learning Intervention Pathways.
* It provides students who are disconnected from mainstream education with an alternative pathway.
* Provides a chance to re-engage the student by establishing routines, addressing personal and mental health barriers, building confidence and success with a variety of learning experiences.

How Does it Work?

* Online, personalised learning program supported by a mentor.
* Digital lessons; Modules, Learning Moments, activities.
* Quizzes – competency based & time differentiated.
* Key discipline areas: Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Humanities, Vocation, Health & Wellbeing.

Who is Eligible?

* Any young person in Years 7 - 10 in the Wyndham/Hobson’s Bay Network.
* Must currently be enrolled in a mainstream school.
* Student and parent/carer commitment required.
* Reliable wireless connectivity and a safe home environment.
* Must obtain a Mental Health Plan and have mental health supports in place.

Equipment

* Own device - iPad, laptop, chromebook.
* Where a student does not have a device - Chromebook can be loaned by FLIP if available.
* Welcome pack supplied (hard copy).
* All other resources are accessible online through FLIP google drive.

What if the Referral Process?

* Referral form to be completed by the student's ‘Home School’.
* Applications cannot be accepted from students or parents without the support from the school.
* Assessed suitability by Program Manager.
* Enrolment/Induction meeting held with student, parent/carer and homeschool support person present.

Payment

In 2018 Payment for the FLIP program changed to align with the other FLIP Networks. Please refer to outline below.

* Homeschools will need to purchase ‘places’ for FLIP at the beginning of the year. These places will allow you flexibility of referring students. e.g. Manor Lakes P-12 College decide to buy 2 ‘places’ for the year. These two places may be used for 4 students. Once a student moves through the program onto the next pathway (maybe back to homeschool, work, distance ed, exit etc.) another student can then enroll in the program from that home school.
* In 2019 there will be approximately 10 places available to be purchased by schools in the network. Schools will need to contact the Program Manager and notify their expression of interest and how many places by the 20th of December 2018.

Next Steps….

* 6 - week induction program.
* Review meeting to assess appropriate intervention pathway, another agency or continue with FLIP.
* Blended program with home school.
* Employment opportunities.
* FLIP is not designed to be a long-term program.

Currently

* 7 students enrolled (+ 2new referral holds/ intake).
* 3 = Year 9 students – 2 blended, 1 FT FLIP.
* 2 = Year 8 student – FT FLIP.
* 2 = VCE students working towards DEVC applications for second semester.
* Capacity for up to 10, with flexibility to increase to up to 15.

*‘PDF Presentation Attached’*

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* Family mental health support services for ages 0 – 18 (no charge).
* Case management support.
* Go out to advocate at schools and outreach (can do home visits or come to office).
* Support disengaged young people.
* Counsellors are available for young people with finding and understanding their identities.
* Recovery support for survivors of family violence.

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* Encouraging students to bring along as much documentation as possible to prove they are students, if they do not have school id, id, confirmation of enrolment.

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* Work with young people who are disengaged from school, 16 – 25 at Victoria University Polytechnic.
* Funded by Empower grant.
* Also recruiting and developing eCrew/Committee members to allow them to design and run their own workshops in creative platforms i.e. Digital Media, Podcasting, etc.
* Looking holistically for each eCrew and student by creating aspirational plans to support then in: Health and Wellbeing, connection to community, education, careers and pathways.
* There are consistent speakers coming in to chat to the students and eCrew.
* Attendance is recommended however, flexible for each individual.
* Next and final round is in July 2019.

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* IPC Health’s ‘Young Leaders of the West’ Program – after piloting the ad and using feedback to improve the adverts (including at a previous WWWYPN Meetings), the Gamblers Help adverts have been filmed and are currently being edited. These feature young people in 3 different adverts.
* There will be a launch – TBA.

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* 2019 Wyndham Community Volunteer Awards are now open.
* There is a category dedicated to celebrating a ‘Young Volunteer of the Year’ as well as Environment and Sustainability, Community Engagement, Arts, Culture and Tourism.

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Youth in Wyndham has an Instagram Page <https://www.instagram.com/youthinwyndham/>