

John Willcock College overwhelmed by \$ 60,000 State Award
All WA school-community partnership winners announced today

NAB Schools First today announced John Willcock College as this year's West Australian State Impact Award winner, receiving \$60,000 in funding for its outstanding school-community partnership.

John Willcock College was selected from six Impact Award winners around WA for its successful partnership with the Hillcrest aged care facility, the City of Greater Geraldton and Women's Health Resource Centre.

The partnership program, entitled 'SHINE' is aimed at improving attendance, health and academic achievement at John Willcock College, situated in Geraldton. The SHINE girls work one day per week in a purpose-built hair salon learning life skills as well as hair and beauty treatments. They practice what they have learned on the residents of Hillcrest, who enjoy being pampered. The council provides the girls with a community-based mobile SHINE workshop which operates from the Council bus and allows the girls to showcase their skills in town.

The Women's Health Resource Centre teaches the girls about their physical and emotional health, well-being and builds confidence in their capacity to make informed decisions in relation to sexuality and health. The students have benefitted both academically and personally.

Head of NAB Schools First, Rebecca Sherwill, said all the Local Impact Award winners in WA were worthy winners but John Willcock College really stood out.

"The SHINE program is an excellent example of how schools and community groups can work together to improve positive student outcomes."

"It's a fantastic achievement to be named the WA State Impact Award winner," Rebecca said.

John Willcock College will now vie with other state and territory winners for the \$200,000 National Impact Award, which will be announced in Melbourne on Wednesday 7th November.

All the Local Impact award winners in WA receive \$30,000 each. Other categories in the NAB Schools First Awards are the Seed Funding Awards where \$15,000 is awarded to schools in the early stages of a community partnership and Student Awards which reward student initiated school-community partnership ideas with \$5,000

Over 29% of schools nationwide have been inspired to apply for a NAB Schools First award since the program commenced in 2009 and over 2,100 NAB employees now volunteer their time to school-community partnerships.

NAB Schools First is a national awards program that recognises and rewards outstanding school-community partnerships. A partnership between NAB, the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), NAB Schools First is based on research that shows student outcomes can be improved when schools work in partnership with local community organisations and businesses.

Now in its fourth year, the program will have awarded over \$18 million to 440 schools around Australia, of which \$1,655,000 has been awarded to 41 schools in WA.

This year, 13 NAB Schools First Awards were rewarded to WA schools totalling over \$300,000. Please see winning school-community partnerships below:

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STATE WINNER:

- John Willcock College's 'SHINE' partnership with the Hillcrest Uniting Church Homes and others

IMPACT WINNERS:

- Challis Primary School's 'Garden to Gastronomic Delight' partnership with the Child and Adolescent Community Health (CACH); Foodbank
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School's 'Kalgoorlie Girls Academy' partnership with the Barrick Gold Australia-Pacific; Role Models and Leaders Australia
- Midvale Primary School's 'Hip Hop Beats' partnership with The Song Room
- Parkfield Public School's 'Parkfield Learning for Understanding Sustainability (PLUS)' partnership with the South West Catchment Council (SWCC) and others
- South Fremantle Senior High School's 'The Carbon Neutral Project' partnership with the Curtin University Sustainability Policy Unit; Bendigo Bank and HotRock

SEED WINNERS:

- Atwell Primary School 'Allied Health Partnership' with Child and Adolescent Community Health
- Girrawheen Senior High School's 'Girrawheen/Balga Trade Training Centre' in partnership with the Alcock Brown – Neaves Group (ABN); other local businesses
- Hampton Senior High School's 'Raising Aspirations' partnership with Curtin University of Technology
- Manea Senior College's 'Rural Students Health and Medical Career Mentoring Program' in partnership with Rural Health West
- WA College of Agriculture – Narrogin's 'WesTrac Partnership' with WesTrac
- Warnbro Community High School Education Support Centre's 'iTrain, iWork Initiative' in partnership with the Alcock Brown – Neaves Group (ABN)

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS:

- Challis Primary School - Luke Belcher and Connor Garbet's idea to form a partnership between their school and local businesses including Total Edens, Kelmscott Garden supplies, Bunnings and community organisation, Armadale Youth Resources.

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