



Mandy's Story

Mandy Jolley is the Founder and a Director of SHINE.

Mandy first became aware of young girls disengaging from the education system through a youth program she was employed with in 2009. Later, working at a women's refuge, she was saddened by the children she met who were escaping with their mothers from domestic violence. Mandy saw the same women and children seeking refuge over and over, stuck in a cycle of domestic violence and abuse. The children's confusion and pain drove her realisation that it is children who must be supported to forever break the cycle of domestic violence.

Combining her hairdressing experience and counselling qualifications, SHINE was born, initially commencing at John Willcock College in Geraldton.

Mandy says, *"It has been my passion from the commencement of the first group in 2010 and has remained my life driving force and passion to this day. Alongside my family, I live for SHINE. In fact my family and close friends are also heavily involved and I rely on their support to manage the demands, the sometimes horrific disclosures, the battles and the successes that comes with such a life-changing program."*

SHINE has been completely life altering for many young girls. From the minute they step into the SHINE salon, I fall in love with each and every one of them and am determined that whatever their story is, we can work through it together. Through tears, laughter, amazing workshops presented by brilliant supporting organisations, trust, and of course fun, each girl emerges at the end of the year with confidence and new skills to tackle the next stage of her life.

SHINE is a family. We have breakfast every single morning around a dining table and we share stories about our weekend, the night just passed, struggles and successes. We read the newspapers, have a healthy breakfast, clean up the dishes and get ready for our day. Every single routine and expectation SHINE puts in place for the girls has a purpose and teaches a life skill. From healthy eating, to looking after your skin, to communication skills, SHINE creates an environment where girls feel safe, in a family, and able to achieve, belong and be inspired to graduate from school and be proactive and successful women in the community.

At SHINE we are passionate about breaking the cycles of family abuse and neglect. We carefully design our program and invite professional presenters to deliver relatable workshops that help our girls work through personal issues and provide strategies for them to use in everyday life."

Mandy's dream is to offer a SHINE experience to all girls who need support - so that their future is in *their* hands.

*Find out more about Mandy and her drive to break the cycle of domestic violence in the book *The Starfish Singers* by Christine Camp, available at <https://www.bookdepository.com/Starfish-Singers-Christine-G-Camp/9780995417007>*

