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SHINE Farewells 2017!

Students in the complementary education program SHINE have had a full year with remarkable outcomes for students and the school community.

With both the John Willcock College and Geraldton Senior College Facilities running at full capacity, SHINE students have had a very productive and successful year gaining new experiences and opportunities; learning development and building life skills; and developing confidence and self-esteem.

Preparing for the Workplace!

From workshops focussed on basic resume building and practicing interview techniques to volunteering in the Rise 'n SHINE Café, our SHINE students have been exposed to a variety of skills, workplace environments and careers in a range of industries including: mining, hairdressing, nursing, hospitality and retail.



Rise N' SHINE Café overflowing with Teachers ready to order their delicious morning coffee from our SHINE Students!

SHINE Hosts Peter Lyndon James!

Peter Lyndon James visited Geraldton for a Community seminar to raise awareness on the dangerous effects of drugs in homes and communities. SHINE was a key supporter of bringing Peter to Geraldton and sharing his story with the Community. His wisdom and experience spoke volumes to our SHINE girls and discussions of future collaborations were discussed.



Peter Lyndon James with the SHINE girls.

SHINE gets Colourful with Head Space!

Head Space put on an EPIC Colour Rave to bring awareness to youth mental health in the Community.

SHINE students attended and the girls increased their awareness of mental health issues and where to seek help in their local community.

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The students also had a fun time while supporting a community issue impacting on their age group.

Not only did the SHINE students enjoy colour bombing each other (and facilitator, Mandy Jolley), one student had the opportunity to be interviewed by Radio Mama, sharing her passion to work hard and achieve her goals of becoming a SHINE facilitator in the future.



The SHINE Students celebrating mental health awareness with Head Space.

Governor's Workshop!



Mandy Jolly was invited to a forum at the Government House to represent SHINE to discuss a shared vision to improve life skills and educational outcomes for Aboriginal girls in Western Australia.

This is the third workshop hosted by the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC and it is hoped that by sharing experiences and knowledge with other not-for profit organisations targeting this group that each organisation will become stronger, resources maximised and service delivery improved.

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SHINE Glamour Photo Shoot!

The John Willcock College SHINE students spent a week working with local make-up artists and hair stylists who gave generously of their time to create a beautiful glamour photoshoot.

The purpose of the activity is to develop presentation skills, self-esteem and confidence. With beautiful ball gowns donated from community members and the Salvos, the SHINE students now have photos that are a forever reminder of their transformation during their time with SHINE – not just on the outside, but on the inside as well!

Well done girls, and thank you to all the local businesses who gave of their time and experience!



Demelza Potiuch, owner and Senior Hair Dresser from HotLocs styling girl's hair at SHINE's glamour shoot!



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Shimmer & SHINE Reading Program!

During the year, SHINE students participated in a reading program with local public primary schools after receiving basic training on how to teach reading aligned with the school's learning approach.

SHINE students were then paired with two to three year 1 students and read books to them.

In return, the year one students read back to the SHINE student.

This workshop was beneficial to all involved as it gives the SHINE students a sense of importance by helping another person and by being a role model: the primary school student gains a mentor from whom they can learn reading and other socialisation skills.

A win-win learning activity for both SHINE mentor and student!



Sharing a book together in the Shimmer & SHINE Program

SHINE Reward Camp!

Each year, SHINE takes students who have achieved noteworthy improved attendance and behaviour throughout the year on a camp to Perth. Used as an incentive for SHINE students to strive to improve their school attendance and encourage positive behaviours, students strive to make the grade.

During the 2017 camp, the students met members of the SHINE Board, SHINE partners and supporters, and volunteers. They also participated in team building tasks and took part in educational activities. And they had fun too!

Some of the fun venues the girls visited included the Perth Zoo (thanks Iluka for making this possible!), Adventure World and Fremantle Prison as part of their growth in a year of educational hard work and self-development.

We are so proud of their achievements and love seeing their hard work pay off.



The year 9 and 10 students with SHINE facilitators ready to hit the road to Perth for culture, fun and new experiences!

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Thanks to Mount Newman Mining for hosting the annual SHINE Camp dinner where the students engaged in speed meeting women employees – positive role models who the girls found so inspirational!



CEO Jim Beyer addresses the SHINE students at a scrumptious dinner hosted by Mount Gibson Mining



Getting to know you: SHINE girls meet Mount Gibson Mining Manager, demonstrating that mining is a career option for women.

SHINE Graduation 2017!

As always, SHINE's annual Graduation was a huge success with both our John Willcock College and Geraldton Senior College girls coming together to celebrate a year of great success in personal development, resilience building and educational outcomes.

With some students who began the year below 40% attendance and finished over 90%, the end of year is cause for great celebration.

Special congratulations to Nerida Bennell from JWC and Shikaya Mitchell GSC who received Excellence Awards for finishing the year with highest school attendance rate. We are very proud of your achievements girls!



Shine facilitators Mandy and Jodie congratulate SHINE Student Shianne for her school attendance excellence award.

SHINE was thrilled to share the celebration of the girls success with our valued partners who are the reason SHINE is resourced to offer the program to schools in WA. Thanks to representatives from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Iluka, Mount Gibson Mining, EMR Golden Grove, Regional Development Australia Midwest and Rio Tinto for their ongoing support of the SHINE students.

Thanks also to MC Grant Woodhams who did a marvellous job keeping the gala event running smoothly.

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SHINE Student Shares Her Heart!

The following is a speech presented by a year 10 SHINE student at the 2017 SHINE Graduation.

For those that have not crossed my path as yet, my name is Zoe Kelly: well known for disturbing the peace, disrupting the surroundings and slipping the occasional swear word at the completely wrong time.!

I am positive there are teachers out there in our audience that never thought I would be standing here today. Well here I am. My attendance has improved and believe it or not so has my behaviour.

I have thought about this speech long and hard. I could tell you that my dad is dying of cancer or my mum struggles with drugs or how I have self-harmed but I actually want to tell you about how I have moved forward; what changes I have made and how much happier I am.

I now know how to meditate to help control my anger

I now own my crap and say sorry when I am wrong

I tell the truth, there's no more lies

I now know what my triggers are and who to talk too

I no longer starve myself because I now like myself

I now believe my blue eyes are really pretty

I completely understand that teachers are actually human and most of them are doing their best.

I can't share them all because there are way too many positive changes.

Thanks Mr Tapper and Mr Treffone for not giving up on me.

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And most of all thank you to my SHINE sisters.

Thanks for being honest with me, helping make better choices and see that life isn't so bad if you surround yourself with good people.

I am only one of many other girls that owe big time to SHINE.

We are grateful.

And we are thankful that you understand our madness we live in every single day.

So long 2017, Hello 2018!

On this heart-warming note, SHINE, would like to take this opportunity to thank all our corporate partners, community partners, program partners, volunteers, supporters and donors for your ongoing support for SHINE and young at-risk girls.

Thank you to the Geraldton and Midwest Community and all the generous people who have given to SHINE in any capacity.

SHINE continues to support young women year after year in our area because of your generosity and belief in the SHINE program.

The SHINE Board of Management and team wish you a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to partnering with you in 2018.

