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SHINE Steps Into 2018!

Welcome to the first SHINE newsletter for 2018!

We hope your Christmas and New Year was absolutely amazing and you were able to rest and be refreshed and ready for a new year.

SHINE has been planning for a dynamic and successful year ahead and we are excited to share it with you.



SHINE student, Nikkita, takes pride in SHINE's steps to a positive future.

A Quick Glance Back: Summing up 2017

SHINE collaborated with John Willcock College (JWC) and Geraldton Senior College (GSC) to offer a complementary education program to connect with adolescent girls (13-15 years) at-risk of disengaging from the conventional education system.

These students face challenges which impact on their ability to attend and participate at school because of personal disruption to, disconnection from or discontinuity with the school curriculum and the school community.

Last year 44 at-risk girls at JWC and 32 at-risk girls at GSC graduated from the SHINE complementary school program.

SHINE was very proud that 18 SHINE students, once at risk of disengaging from school, graduated from year 12.

It is very unlikely that these students would have progressed to years 11 and 12 without the SHINE program supporting and developing their skills, self-belief and resilience during years 9 & 10, and being at the school for continued support during years 11 & 12. Congratulations!

SHINE Welcomes Northampton District High School

The SHINE team is delighted to expand the program to a third WA school in an innovative way, making best use of local resources.

A very warm welcome to Northampton District High School, whose at-risk year 8-10 students have joined the SHINE family. Each Friday, students travel from Northampton to the SHINE facility at Geraldton Senior High School, where Facilitator Mandy Jolley works with the girls to support, educate and empower them with life skills for a positive future.

Mandy has commenced the year's program executing the SHINE code, where students promise honesty and confidentiality amongst the SHINE family.



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The trust and respect that is building amongst the group is most encouraging.

SHINE is looking forward to delivering great outcomes with the SHINE students and for Northampton DHS.



Jaykia begins her journey with SHINE.

SHINE at John Willcock College

Facilitator at John Willcock College, Jodie McAuliffe, was pleased with the smooth start of the 2018 SHINE program. "The students are embracing their position in SHINE and some leadership skills have begun to surface already", she said.

With respect for others shining through and broken friendships amongst some class members beginning to mend, the SHINE students at John Willcock College are making great progress!

During a recent trip to the region, the Honourable Sue Ellery, Minister for Education visited John Willcock College to see first-hand the new facilities and innovative school programs – one of them SHINE.



The Minister is familiar with the SHINE program, and thrilled the SHINE students with a classroom visit during their very first SHINE class, providing a great opportunity for learning some VIP protocol.

Each SHINE girl greeted the Minister with a firm hand shake, eye contact and a personal introduction.

The Minister reminded the students of the privilege it was for them to be part of the SHINE program, remarking that she was "very supportive of such a fantastic program".

The 2018 JWC SHINE students did a fabulous job representing SHINE – and we felt very proud!



The Honourable Sue Ellery with Facilitator Jodie McAuliffe and SHINE JWC Students

SHINE at Geraldton Senior College

After a review of the 2017 program, the SHINE program at Geraldton Senior College continues to be offered to year 10 at-risk students.

Moving from a 'subject option' format where students attended SHINE for short periods several times during the week, this year a full day program will be offered to students one day each week by Lead Facilitator Mandy Jolley.

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Regular attendance at all school classes by SHINE students is strongly supported by SHINE and this will continue to be a major goal.

The 'Rise'n SHINE café' barista program will continue to augment the hairdressing and beauty program, providing a vehicle to develop the students' vocational and life skills to gain personal confidence, develop a positive work ethic and broaden future opportunities.



SHINE Brokers Student Employment Outcome

The ongoing partnership between SHINE and Iluka Resources Ltd has created an exciting opportunity for one of our SHINE students. This year, Paige McGregor has commenced an administration traineeship with Iluka. Paige spends four days working and training at Iluka and then one full day with the SHINE program where she receives ongoing mentorship and support from Lead Facilitator, Mandy Jolley.

This innovative partnership means that Paige is set up for success as a SHINE Alumni member, and now Trainee at Iluka!



Well done Paige – we will be watching your career development with much pride and interest!

Thank you to the Stephens Foundation

The SHINE program relies on the generosity of our community to give above and beyond to our SHINE students.

The generosity of SHINE's local community and Western Australian networks is second to none and we never want to miss a chance to thank those who support our students and their needs.

This month, we want to thank the *Stephens Family Foundation* for their generous contribution of \$5,000 towards the students' annual SHINE reward camp.

Your support made it possible for SHINE to accommodate 25 students in Perth for a week full of personal development opportunities and life experiences: something they will never forget.

Thank you *Stephens Family Foundation!*

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A word from the SHINE Chair



Miriam Stanborough – SHINE Chair

I joined the board of SHINE two years ago and currently have the privilege of being the Chair.

I am overwhelmed by the depth of talent and commitment to SHINE from our board members and greatly enjoy the atmosphere of camaraderie mixed with respectful challenging that we have at our board meetings.

Originally a chemical engineer, I currently work for one of SHINE's major sponsors, Iluka Resources Ltd, as Innovation Manager based in Perth. I am married to Rob and we have 3 children.

Like my fellow Board members, I am driven to help young women overcome challenges in their lives by developing their resilience, understanding and believing that they have value, and creating opportunities for their future.

SHINE is a unique and successful program that does this – just as the following student's story explains:

In Her Own Words....

I was three when my mother passed away and my father had taken off when I was a new-born and did not bother about me, like I was nothing so I had to stay with family until I was about 10 years old.

I got beaten up every day with everything that you could ever think of. I was beaten up from when I was little until the age of 10. My life was hard, I even had to go to primary school without any shoes, because my grandmother was too busy using all of her money on drugs and alcohol. It sucked that I even went to school without food. I had to get food off my mates. I didn't have much but I had a little and that's better than having nothing. I honestly hated my life.

Then I went into DCP (Dept of Child Protection). It was all right but I kept getting chucked into foster homes like I was nothing, just like a box getting chucked around. But my life got a bit easy for me and then high school started.

*Every morning I would check my facebook and I would get girls posting on my wall saying "when I see you I'm killing you" and that I was a slut and a sk*nk and that I didn't mean anything to anyone and that I should just go and kill myself and yeah I did. I tried to hurt myself really bad. I believed them because I had haters and no one liked me and what made it worse, it was over a stupid guy that played me.*

I stopped going to school because a lot of girls went into groups to swear at me and say mean things. I hated my life so I just stayed at home crying my eyes out every time I went to sleep at night and when I woke up, I would always look into the mirror and think to myself why am I still here why do I have to go through this? Why me?

BUT then year 9 came and I got to go into SHINE. I got more friends because people started to see how I really am and I loved it. My life was getting better and I didn't put myself down anymore and what made me stronger was my mummy Mandy moo. You may not be my real mother but I see you as a mother to me. You helped me through thick and thin and I thank you so much. And I got more confidence when I got told that "I was born to SHINE" and I believe I am. I got a lot of help from friends and others.

The bullying stopped and I got a lot of friends and now I get to go out and hang out with people I love and mean a lot to me. My life is easy now, yeah I still have my ups and downs but I have to say it's better than a year ago. I don't look back; I'm looking forward with what's going to happen in my life.

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