

Stepping Stones Report

Grade 9-12 Camp

16 young people attended the Grade 9 – 12 Camp from the 29th Sept -1st Oct. 22 young people booked into camp (only 20 spaces available so 2 were placed on the reserve list) but unfortunately 4 dropped out at the last minute and the reserves had made other plans by this time.

Young people form this age group requested more camps, longer camps and regular weekend activities.

Evaluations

I think the things we discussed and thought about are most relevant at this point in my life questioning myself, decisions, internal/external values etc.

Please can we do some activities over summer.

I learnt to have confidence in my physical strength and in my decisions

The bushwalking activity was like nothing I had ever done before. I love the simplicity of bushwalking and it gave me an opportunity to be alone with my thoughts or to talk to others.

I value being a member of a team, as well as being an individual.

That I am very externally motivated but wish/want to improve on being internally motivated. I am an introvert as a precaution against going against my values and beliefs.

I haven't bushwalked for 2 years and I am so unfit. This activity was the first of many to come to improve my fitness and endurance. I would like some camps focussing on personal wellbeing and future outcomes.

I am motivated to continue to grow as a leader

Grade 6-8 Camp

20 young people attended the Grade 6 – 8 Camp from the 6 – 8 Oct. Six young people from the older age groups were leaders on this camp and ran most of the activities. One of the CRLA participants also volunteered.

Young people form this age group also requested more camps, longer camps and regular weekend activities.

This age group always seem to have the most input in regard to needs in the community

These young people made the following suggestions to go to Council:

- Drinking fountain in Deloraine. Some of the young people find themselves in Deloraine for a day and are unable to get a drink unless they buy water.
- They would like to see a Town Clock in Deloraine – felt it gives a sense of community
- Would like access to the basketball courts even if it was only 2 hours 1 day a week where they could just go and shoot. Outside half court would be good.
- Access to the tennis courts at a price they can afford. Said tennis fees are out of their ability to pay.

- Subsidised access or some joint access to the primary school pool as they cannot afford pay the full hourly rate.
- Skate Park in Deloraine as the small one does not meet their needs as far as skating goes.
- They need activities that do not require entry fees or external supervision eg life guard.
- Graffiti wall to be in place in most population centres.

Evaluations

Some comments from young people:

- "I can make new friends and it is not that bad meeting new people"
- "The teaching/learning, new skills & life experiences, I feel it will help me become a better person.
- "Bush walking – great feeling of achievement"
- "We are all different"
- " It helped me with making friends"
- "It teaches me to not give up on a challenge and just endure it because in the end you get a feeling of success and proudness when you overcome challenges."
- "It will help me listen to others"
- " It will expand the choices of what I want to be when I grow up"
- " Discussing, co-operation and problem solving resulting in a great team effort"
- " I am now very interested in bushwalking and I can do anything if I try"
- " at the top of the mountain you feel successful"
- "I will be more optimistic and have a better perspective on life."
- "Helped everyone become more confident and to grow inside the group."
- "It might help me trust other people with important things."