

FACT SHEET

SCHOOL GROUP WORK



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO:

Community Connections has partnered with schools in north east Brisbane since 1997, to support young people (aged 12-18) who are at risk of or are experiencing homelessness, and who might be at risk of school disengagement. We work holistically to deliver comprehensive solutions, which focus on the individual needs of each young person & their supporters. The team is experienced in working with a diverse range of young people and the challenges they may be facing. We are a Child Safe Organisation.

Community Connections also provides support to schools in our region to plan and deliver activity days around specific events such as;

- National Youth Week
- NAIDOC
- Mental Health Week
- Wellbeing Expos
- Belonging & Kindness Weeks

These events are a great opportunity for school communities to celebrate the diversity of young people and their cultural backgrounds, promote healthy communities and positive relationships, and raise awareness within the school communities about broader societal issues & available supports.

We offer comprehensive school group work, focused on identified needs of young people.

We collaborate with school staff & students to plan & deliver specific short term groups, tailored to school & young people's aims.

Group Work examples include:

- Peer Skills - promoting peer mentoring & early help seeking
- Alternatives run in weekly sport sessions e.g.
 - Well being & Connection Group
 - Communication Skills Group
- Young Women's Group
- Young Men's Group
- Healthy Relationships
- Peer Support Groups e.g. independent students
- Diversity, Respect & Peace Group



“Honestly, we would like to say that it was one of the best activities we ever participated in as a group. It was a workshop to help us support each other as well as the younger students in our school. Topics covered includes; exploring values, developing communication skills and self-care. We talked about our problems in school and possible ways to deal with them. We all walked away from the workshop feeling positive.”

**YEAR 12 ESL STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE (PEER
SKILLS)**

“Young women’s group has helped me with expressing emotions, learning new things, hearing other people’s experiences and making new friends”

YEAR 10 STUDENT

“When talking about young women’s group - It has helped me with dealing with many things like friendships and relationships with people and even building new friendships within the group”

YEAR 12 STUDENT

PARTICIPANTS

Participant selection for groups is the school’s responsibility, however, Community Connections welcomes collaborating with school help create safe & effective participation. We offer suggestions to help identify goals & recruitment processes. As a voluntary service **students must consent to being in the group.**

our experience includes group facilitation with diverse populations including mixed gender, gender specific, culturally and linguistically diverse, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific, difficult to engage students and students with disabilities. Groups can be delivered across year levels or be year level specific.

FEES

- Group Facilitator costs are free for schools in our Reconnect Program catchment area. Other charges may be shared such as venue fees or group resources, & fee for service is available for school further afield.
- Community Connections is an Accredited Employing Authority (AEA) by the Department of Education.
- Workers are qualified Youth and Family Workers under the Reconnect Program and hold blue cards



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