

Ganbina forges ahead

Ganbina is Australia's most successful Indigenous school to work transition program. The results speak for themselves, with 76 per cent of Ganbina graduates in full time jobs, compared to just 51 per cent of young Indigenous people nationally.

So why does Ganbina's program succeed, when so many others fail?

We believe it's for two reasons:

- 1** Ganbina was developed by Indigenous people, for Indigenous people. We have personal, first-hand knowledge of the unique challenges facing Indigenous children, and know how to empower them to reach their full potential.
- 2** Ganbina is funded, and managed, 100 per cent independently. This means that we can choose to fine-tune our program activities, or add new ones, at any time in order to meet changing community needs.

In this issue of Focus, we are delighted to share news of two exciting initiatives at Ganbina.

The first is a new Gifting Program to help attract additional income streams so that we can continue to fund our program well into the future.

The second is the expansion of our Accelerated Learning Program for children who need an extra hand with their school work.

Go Ganbina!



Agents of change



New Ganbina Gifting Program launched

Ganbina does not seek any government funding and so we rely 100 per cent on donations from our corporate partners, philanthropic trusts and individuals to fund all our activities.

We believe that being an independent organisation is very important, because it means that we are free to develop and deliver the types of activities which we know will empower Indigenous children to achieve their full potential.

Last year, we launched an exciting new initiative, called the 'Gifting Program,' to businesses, their employees, charitable trusts and the wider community. Our aim was to spread the news about the fantastic results our participants achieve, so that more organisations and people will be inspired to donate to Ganbina.

Some of the great results we shared were:

Over 91% of Ganbina participants complete Year 12
(National Indigenous average = 61.5%)

72% of Ganbina participants are engaged in education or work
(National Indigenous average = 58%)

76% of Ganbina graduates have full time jobs
(National Indigenous average = 51%)

Ganbina's cost per person is about half the average spend of similar organisations.

If you would like to know more about the new Gifting Program, please call us on 1800 931 388, or email gifting@ganbina.com.au or visit our website at www.ganbina.com.au 'How you can help' section.

Ganbina participant journey

Empowering Indigenous children to reach their full potential in life through one on one personal development mentoring, education support, training and career guidance, and life skills training.

Primary School Support
6-12 years

Getting off to a good start

- Developing relationships with families.
- Introducing children to Ganbina.
- Private tuition & coaching.

Jobs Education
6-18 years

Creating an employment vision

- Understanding why education is important.
- Exploring different career options.
- Securing work experience opportunities.

Jobs Training
16-25 years

Getting ready for work

- Consolidating career choices.
- Traineeships or tertiary training.
- Networking with potential employers.

Jobs Employment
15+ years

Developing rewarding careers

- Securing jobs of choice.
- Training for career advancement.
- Long term career planning.

Life Skills & Grants
6-25 years

Personal growth & scholarships

- Personal growth mentoring.
- Leadership training.
- Free professional driving tuition.
- Education costs scholarships.
- Work expenses grants.



Accelerated Learning Program expands

In 2015, we developed a new Accelerated Learning Program for children who need an extra hand with their school work. It has been a very big success with children and their parents, and so this year, we are growing the program's capacity by an additional 25 per cent.

The program is free to all young people enrolled on Ganbina's program from primary school Grade 3 children through to Year 12 secondary school students.

Providing individual tutoring support after school, the program runs over Terms 2 and 3.

Special thanks to our Accelerated Learning External Program partners, Kip McGrath Education Centre and Shepparton Tutoring Centre, and to SPC for a volunteer tutor.

"Last week my child's teacher rang and told me she noticed a big confidence boost in my child's work and credited it to the after school Ganbina classes."



Name
Jacklyn Crowhurst

School
Guthrie Street Primary School,
Grade 6

Interests
Dance

Favourite subjects
Science

Favourite food
Watermelon

When I grow up
I'd like to be an actor



Name
Ashton Hayman

School
Shepparton High School, Year 9

Interests
Football, piano/keyboard, sport

Favourite subjects
P.E., music, maths, sports training

Early ambitions
Police Officer, forensics, family
violence

Current Career Goal
Police Officer



Name
Ashleigh Currie

School
Wanganui Park Secondary
College, Year 10

Interests
Music, family and friends

Favourite subjects
English

Early ambitions
Kindergarten teacher

Current Career Goal
Nurse

On the radar

26 March	Year 12 YLP NZ Trip Travel Preparations
31 March	Year 12 YLP NZ Trip
4 April	Year 10 YLP First Aid
16 April	Tutoring Starts for the Accelerated Learning program
20 April	Year 11 YLP Community Dinner
2 May	Ganbina Careers Night
7 May	Year 12 YLP Leadership Traits
11 May	Year 10 YLP Looking at Culture
12 May	Year 10 YLP Culture – Local History
14 May	Year 10 YLP Culture – Bloodline Exercise
21 May	Year 11 YLP Leadership Styles
13 June	Year 7 Industry tour
16 June	Year 10 YLP Communication & Questioning Techniques
22 June	Year 11 YLP Culture
25 June	Year 10 YLP Sydney/Melbourne Trip Travel Preparations