

Future Footprints

'Building Stronger Support Networks for Indigenous Students at Residential Schools'

26th October, 2005 meeting of the Indigenous Boarding Students Counsel

A partnership project between the Department of Education, science and Training (DEST) and the Association of Independent Schools Western Australia (AISWA)

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome students

2. Introductions: Why are we here?

- Where from up north?
- Which school from?
- Year currently in?
- How long have you been studying/boarding in Perth?
- What is it you like the most about studying in Perth?
- What is it the least you like about studying in Perth?

3. Role and duties of a student counselor?

- Be committed to meeting with other counselors, as well as with Lisa and David at least once a term (minimum commitment);
- Talk about issues to do with boarding away from home;
- Represent Indigenous boarding students at other events and meetings;
- To communicate and transfer information of upcoming events or dates to other Indigenous boarding students;
- To be good role models to other boarding students;
- To initiate and organizing activities for Indigenous boarding students (e.g., socials, movies, BBQ's);
- Help Lisa and David organize the Future Footprints newsletter;
- Report to Future Footprints Steering Committee when required;

4. Who is a role model? And what do they do?

- A good role model can be anyone;
- Have genuine interest to motivate and help other students (in their goal setting);
- Provide a sounding board of ideas or problems of other

- students (e.g., listens and talk with other students);
- Recognition of other students' achievements;
 - Encourage other students' to start with small steps towards their goal achievement;
 - Willing to offer extra time to other students needs;
 - Communication with teaching staff about issues and support for other students;
 - Genuine care and commitment to make a difference to other students experience and learning while away from home (e.g., support other students when they are having a difficult time - talk with them);

5. Counsel roles

- Nominate and vote on Counsel Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer;

6. Up coming events and dates

- Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) school Scholarships, application close 5pm 20th January 2006;
- Kambarang Spring Festival at Edith Cowan University (Mt Lawley Campus) on 28.10.05, 11-3pm;
- Year 8 Discovery Day at UWA on 24.10.05, 9:30-2:20pm;
- BBQ at Kings Park (Western Power Gardens) 10am on Sunday 6.11.05;
- Movies at Hoyts Perth on Sunday afternoon 20.11.05;
- David and Lisa on Aboriginal Health Promotion Conference PD, 3.11.05-4.11.05;
- Year 12's start TEE exams 7.11.05

7. Planner for next year: 2006 draft

- Review 2006 planner, dates/events organised;

8. Close meeting