

THE DAY PROGRAM

There are around 50,000 young people aged 15-19 in Australia who drop out of education and employment every year.

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When young people are engaged with education, their chances of gaining employment and fulfilling their potential are greatly improved.

Established in 1982, the Day Program works with young people who are at risk of disengaging from education. It provides an alternative education experience so that every student can feel empowered to overcome personal, social or economic barriers to education or employment, see their potential and feel worthwhile.

The Day Program

- Is a 10-week course run during the school term
- Offers individualised case work
- Is designed to build resilience through a series of "Skills for Life" workshops based on personal and social skill development
- Recognises that each student has individual needs
- Takes a holistic approach to service provision
- Uses external providers such as Legal Aid, Marrickville Police, Youth Block, Family Planning NSW and the Office of Fair Trade

Our counselling services are an integral part of this program, offering students and their families the opportunity to participate in:

- Individual and family counselling
- Parent skills training
- Workshops on managing strong emotions, domestic and sexual violence and safe behaviours

We assist young people exiting the Day Program as they transition back into mainstream education or pursue new endeavours. One possible pathway includes applying to achieve a Record of School Achievement through Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's school, The Waranara Centre.

Students are encouraged to explore their career options by participating in work experience at a variety of workplaces.

Access to the Day Program

The program caters for students in Years 9 and 10. They must be enrolled in a school and are referred to the program by their schools, government departments or community sector agencies.

Young people referred have often faced difficulties with:

- Attendance
- Difficulties with managing school dynamics
- Relationships and socialising

The Day Program is about opportunity and possibility for all young people.

Parents and carers play an important role in the Day Program. Their support and encouragement are integral to students' success.

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