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YOUTH PROGRAM for ABORIGINAL YOUNG PEOPLE

**DARDI MUNWURRO IS A
CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION**

ABOUT US

Our vision is to build stronger families and safer communities by creating a community where everyone feels valued, connected and supported so we can help build an environment that promotes safety, inclusivity, resilience and empowerment.

Dardi's youth services is based in Dandenong & Preston, we have 10 dedicated youth workers across both sites. Our youth workers bring their own diverse cultural and community experiences and are invaluable leaders of inclusivity, understanding and empowerment.

Our First Nation youth workers hold a vital and inspiring role, serving as essential bridges between tradition and modern life. Their deep cultural knowledge, compassion and dedication help empower First nation youth, fostering a strong sense of identity, pride and resilience.

By honouring traditions and providing support, guidance and mentorship, our First Nation youth workers help young people navigate challenges while celebrating their cultural heritage.

Their unwavering commitment to their communities and the well-being of First Nation youth is truly admirable and makes a lasting impact in nurturing the next generation.

WHAT WE DO

Youth drop-in spaces:

A safe and supportive place for young people to socialise, participate in activities and access resources.

Recreational program:

Participate in physical activities, social events, cultural camps and skill development.

Referral support:

Refer young people to specialised services, such as those addressing health, mental health, education, employment and legal matters.

Mentoring and Life Skills Development:

Provide guidance, support and opportunities for young people to develop and improve essential abilities for daily living and personal well-being.

Cultural programs:

Foster a sense of community, belonging and social interaction among young people and community.

Youth justice services:

Support young people involved in the youth justice system, including those on orders or in custody.

Youth yarning circles:

Gatherings to discuss common issues.

AOD and Mental Health Education:

An education program to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of mental health issues, promote well-being, and reduce stigma associated with mental health conditions. The AOD education program educates individuals about the risks associated with alcohol and other drug use, encourage healthy decision making and prevent substance abuse.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

As a participant in the Dardi Munwurro program you have the right to:

- Respect
- A culturally appropriate service
- A safe and high quality service
- Good communication
- Assistance if you are unhappy with our service, and to have a support person assist you
- Be involved in decision making and ask questions about how we support you
- Make a complaint

As a participant, you have the responsibility to:

- Provide us with correct and up-to-date information
- Show respect for our staff, mentors, other community members and Dardi Munwurro property
- Tell us if you will not be attending an appointment, group or camp
- Not behave in a violent, aggressive or threatening manner when attending a group camp or other activity
- Not be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs while attending our programs