



wirra club



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Target

- Young Indigenous males and females in primary school
- Students with poor attendance or those who are lacking motivation to attend

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The Wirra Club program is an incentive based program where students are rewarded with the opportunity to meet David Wirrpanda Foundation (DWF) Indigenous role models who represent the state and/or the country in their chosen sport.

The exciting thing about this program is the unique way in which DWF role models communicate the importance of education and respecting themselves and their class mates. The key to the all DWF programs is our Indigenous role models and their ability to engage and relate to all students. They take the time to build relationships and rapport with the students, strengthening the messages they deliver and empowering the students to improve their own performance supporting them through mentoring.

At the beginning of the program, students are asked to come up with their own goals that they would like to achieve over the school term. A condition of involvement is that the students must achieve their goals in order to participate in the program. This program gives the students ownership of their actions, mentoring support and guidance and a structure both teachers and students can fall back on.

How it works

All students **must attend 85 percent** of the school term in order to participate in the end of term program. Each visit or session goes for 1.5 – 2hrs.

At the beginning of the term, DWF role models visit the school to introduce the program, share their stories, outline their expectations of the students and give the students the opportunity to set their goals for the year.

If students achieve 85 percent attendance and attains the goals that they have set for themselves, their reward is visiting the Foundation at Subiaco Oval, having a tour of the oval, meeting new role models and playing games with the role models that engage and include ALL students. The role models introduce new challenges forcing the students to work together to solve problems or overcome the task at hand. Communication, listening, having an open mind to new ideas, giving and accepting feedback from each other, teamwork, leadership and persistence are all reinforced throughout the activities.

During the fourth term DWF mentors will attend a whole of school assembly to reward Wirra Club students with their certificates and a prize pack.

Outcome

- Increased awareness of the importance of education
 - Improved school attendance
 - Increased participant confidence
- Development of social skills through team building.
- Improved knowledge about the importance of healthy living
 - Acceptance and pride for the Aboriginal culture.

Costs

METRO

- 2 Role models up to 20 students – \$500 per visit
- 3 Role models up to 30 students – \$700 per visit
- 4 Role models up to 40 students – \$900 per visit

REGIONAL

Wirra Club Program is available regionally; costs and program delivery model will be made available upon request.

Contact

For further information about the Wirra Club program, please contact the Wirra Club Project Officer, Kirby Bentley on 08 9381 5990 or kirbyb@dwf.org.au

