

BCH Services Guide - Schools

School Focused Youth Service

The School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) program works with schools to support vulnerable students (in Grade 5 to Year 12) to remain engaged in their education. SFYS does not provide direct support to individual students but works with the school leadership, teaching and wellbeing staff to input programs that will target students who are showing signs of disengagement from school.

The SFYS program based at Ballarat Community Health can work with all primary and secondary schools across the municipalities of the City of Ballarat, Moorabool Shire, Golden Plains Shire and Hepburn Shire.

THE ROLE OF SCHOOL FOCUSED YOUTH SERVICE

While most children and young people attend school regularly and successfully attain a senior secondary qualification, a small proportion leave school early for a variety of personal, family or school-related reasons. Others facing complex problems may remain enrolled in a school but are not engaged in learning and demonstrate poor attendance or behaviour. These children and young people need to be identified early and provided with extra support to help them to remain actively involved in their learning and achieve success.

Schools may need to enact a combination of strategies in responding to the needs and circumstances of individual children and young people who are vulnerable to or showing signs of disengaging from their education. This may include schools working with community organisations who can provide specialist support to children and families around a range of individual and family/carer needs.

The School Focused Youth Service Coordinators based at Ballarat Community Health work with schools to deliver targeted programs for students by providing advice to schools, connecting schools to appropriate community-based services and assisting schools to build their capacity through teacher training, for schools to better support those students, to help those students remain actively engaged in their learning and successfully complete their education.

Program Information

What is it about?

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Who is it for?

All Government, Catholic and Independent primary and secondary schools across the municipalities of the City of Ballarat, Moorabool Shire, Golden Plains Shire and Hepburn Shire.

Where and when is it held?



How do I get into the program?

Phone Ballarat Community Health on 5338 4500 to speak to a SFYS worker.

School Health Programs

Ballarat Community Health recognises the importance of working in partnership with schools to promote the health and wellbeing of children and young people. A range of programs and support are available for schools that are:

- Tailored and adapted to meet the specific needs of your school and target group
- Designed in a manner that will address your students' identified educational needs

Each presenter has a Working with Children Check and is highly experienced with demonstrated expertise in their field and in the delivery of programs and services to students, the educational sector and the broader community. In partnership with your school, we will work to ensure that programs are delivered in a professional, creative and age appropriate manner that will meet desired learning outcomes.

Ballarat Community Health currently offers the following programs and opportunities to schools

Early Childhood Services

- [Achievement Program](#)

Primary Schools

- Achievement Program
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Anti-Bullying Program
- Asthma Child and Adolescent Program
- Body Image
- Creative Workshops
- Health and

Secondary Schools

- Achievement Program
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Anti-Bullying Program
- Asthma Child and Adolescent Program
- Body Art and Hepatitis C
- Body Image
- Creative Workshops
- Nutrition
- Sexuality Education
- Site Tours
- Smoking
- SMART

Wellbeing Program

- Nutrition
- Sexuality Education
- Smoking
- School Health

Programs Poster

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- Program
School Health
Programs
Poster

Tertiary Institutions

- Health and
Service
Displays

Ballarat Community Health staff require a minimum of four weeks' notice when working in schools.

To find out more about these or other services at Ballarat Community Health, drop in to a site near you or call our central phone number (03) 5338 4500.

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