



YOUTH SERVICES

# YOUNG ACHIEVERS PROGRAM



## ASSISTING YOU TO REACH YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL

Jewish Care is a community-based organisation that has a long history of working with young people. Our programs for young people are focused on encouraging, supporting and guiding youth to reach their true potential as valued members of our community.

The Young Achievers Program (YAP) is a mentoring and skills development program that has been generously sponsored by private donors since 2002. The Program welcomes Jewish students between the ages of 15-18, from non-Jewish and Jewish schools, who are motivated and passionate to achieve.

Join YAP to take a big step forward in achieving your goals!

## THE YOUNG ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AIMS TO:

- Develop positive self-esteem and confidence
- Provide a supportive connection with the Jewish community
- Improve general life skills
- Provide financial assistance to support your goals

*"Camp was literally the most amazing experience of my life. It has left me with so much to think about and explore, and every minute was so much fun! I have never been in such a safe, warm, welcoming environment."*

– **Mentee**

*"It is so comforting to know that no matter what I am going through there is always someone in my corner, supporting me all the way!"* – **Mentee**



# WHAT SUPPORT DO YAP MENTEES RECEIVE?

## Mentoring

Mentors are volunteers who are committed to supporting you to achieve your goals. Having a mentor gives you the opportunity to connect with another adult who can provide guidance and encouragement throughout the year.

All mentors receive ongoing training and supervision throughout the year and are required to obtain a Police and Working with Children Check.

A mentor will:

- Listen to you
- Treat you with respect
- Spend time with you
- Help you access appropriate resources for personal or vocational development
- Provide links and contacts within the community that will benefit you and provide other opportunities to extend your networks
- Have fun with you
- Help you explore goals

## Professional and Personal Development Workshops

Together as a group, the YAP mentees negotiate the kinds of workshops they would like to attend. Examples from previous years include tree surfing, escape rooms, Leadership training, rock climbing, public speaking, financial literacy and more.

## Academic Scholarship

An academic scholarship of up to \$500 per year is offered to participants who attend at least 60% of the scheduled workshops, and meet with their mentor at least once a month. Participants could spend their scholarship funds on books, fees, tutoring, personal development or other appropriate resources as agreed with the Youth Mentoring Coordinator.

*"I have been extremely lucky with my mentee. We meet regularly even though they live a busy life. Our last meeting last week was the icing on the cake. When I said it would be our last meeting they quickly said they hoped it wasn't. I said I would love to keep in touch. Then when we were about to leave they said I always feel so uplifted after our time together! I have not stopped smiling."*

– Mentor, 2020



## YAP HIGHLIGHTS

### Picnic

- Meet the other mentees
- Meet the mentors
- Take part in the matching process
- Group bonding activities

### Camp

- 3 days/2 nights (during school holidays)
- Enjoy outdoor activities such as kayaking, archery, high ropes, frisbee golf, campfires and hiking
- No cost to attend

### Workshops

- Monthly workshops with fellow mentees
- Range of social and personal development activities

### End of Year Dinner

- Program Celebration
- Catered dinner

*All our events have kosher catering.*



## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU?

The Young Achievers Program is a rewarding opportunity that requires dedication, commitment and interest.

As a mentee, your commitments include:

- To participate in the program for one academic year
- To maintain and initiate weekly phone/email/text contact with your mentor
- To meet up with your mentor at least once a month
- To treat your mentor with respect
- To be flexible and patient
- To maintain regular contact with the Youth Mentoring Coordinator
- To attend at least 60% of the monthly workshops
- To behave in a safe and responsible manner



## HOW CAN YOU BECOME A YOUNG ACHIEVERS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT?

We're looking for enthusiastic and committed young people who are excited to take part in the program and want to strengthen their connection to the community.

The application process includes four stages:

**Stage 1:** Contact the Youth Mentoring Coordinator and request an application pack.

**Stage 2:** Return your completed application to the Youth Mentoring Coordinator.

**Stage 3:** Eligible applicants will be invited to interview.

**Stage 4:** Successful applicants will be notified by the Youth Mentoring Coordinator.

For more information about YAP or to apply, contact the Youth Mentoring Coordinator at  
Phone: (03) 8517 5626 or 0437 694 904.  
Email: [youthmentoring@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:youthmentoring@jewishcare.org.au)

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

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The Safeguarding Children Program is a unique voluntary accreditation scheme for organisations who have a duty of care to children and young people whilst delivering a service or activity to them and/or their families. The Program systematically builds the capacity of organisations to keep children and young people safe from abuse and exploitation by staff, volunteers or other relevant related individuals.





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*respect*

קהילה  
kehilla  
*community*

הכללה  
hachlala  
*inclusion*

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*social responsibility*

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