



Standing Tall in Hamilton^{Inc}
School Based Mentoring

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PROGRAM INFORMATION**

‘Young people fulfilling their potential to live rich and rewarding lives and being valuable members of the community’

Young people need supportive relationships to fulfil their potential. In today’s complex world many young people need more support and could benefit greatly from a relationship with an older person outside their family. The Award winning Standing Tall School Based Mentoring Program recruits and trains members of the community to become mentors to students in schools. It has shown that the relationships developed through mentoring can make a real difference. We invite you to become involved.

The Standing Tall Mentoring Hamilton program works in collaboration with Baimbridge College supported by many local community groups business and philanthropists.

The project is supported by a Volunteer Committee of Management comprising of professional community members with differing expertise who work with the Project Coordinator to implement this mentoring program.

Students currently studying in Years 7 to 12, who fit the relevant criteria and who wish to be involved may apply to have a mentor.

Community members are recruited screened and trained to become mentors. They are required to complete application forms, including listing referees, attend an interview and complete and provide a Working with Children check – which is mandatory. The mentors will be screened by the coordinator and committee.

Mentors complete a free eight hour training program that is quality assured by the Australian Youth Mentoring Network. Mentor support meetings are held in order to continue training, de-brief and share experiences. The time and regularity of these meetings are decided in collaboration with the coordinator and the mentors.

Mentors are required to be available for approximately 1 hour per week initially for 12 months. They will also be required to attend Mentoring meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please fill out the enclosed ‘Expression of Interest’ form and return to the Standing Tall Hamilton office. An Application will be then be forwarded to you.

For further enquiries contact:

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MENTOR INFORMATION

- 1. Who can be a mentor?**
Any member of the community over 18 who is willing to undergo a screening process including Working with Children Check.
- 2. What training will I need to do?**
Volunteers receive training to support them in their role as mentors.
- 3. How do I apply?**
Fill out an Expression of Interest form attached & return. An application will then be sent to you.
- 4. What sort of time commitment do I need to make?**
Following training, the mentoring sessions will take approximately one hour per week.
- 5. Who will I mentor?**
Following the training mentors will be carefully matched with students who have applied to be a part of the program.
- 6. What sort of support is available when I become a mentor?**
Personnel involved in setting up the program at your school will be available to discuss any concerns. Ongoing meetings will be arranged to discuss the programs development and any concerns you may have.
- 7. Do I have to provide my personal details to the student?**
Mentors don't generally exchange personal contact details with their student however seek advice from the program coordinator if you feel this is necessary. You will be provided with an ID badge to wear during mentoring.
- 8. What sort of security checks are carried out on the mentors?**
Mentors in the Standing Tall program will be required to undergo a Working with Children Check and National Police Check. This is a legal requirement of the State Government required by all personnel working with young people. For further information you can contact Standing Tall personnel.



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**STANDING TALL HAMILTON
Position Description**

Standing Tall Mentoring Program
Position Title: Mentor, Baimbridge College
Remuneration: Volunteer

Position Description
Ref: 01
Date approved: 2015

Overview:

Research shows that many young people in our society are struggling. This is reflected in falling retention rates at school, growing mental health issues and a general disengagement of young people in the community. This has great social implications for the future of our society. Schools are working hard to engage young people but they are starting to see that this is an issue which must be addressed by the wider community. Baimbridge College, Hamilton supported by funding from local business philanthropists and community developed the Award winning Standing Tall School Based Mentoring Program in 2003.

Position Objective: To help a young person by developing a one on one relationship which helps them to identify and achieve their goals. Through this relationship connection with community is strengthened and social isolation is also addressed.

The position will be managed by the Project Coordinator under guidance by the Committee of Management.

Mentor Duties and responsibilities:

- To attend training sessions
- To commit to attending mentoring sessions for 1hr per week for a period of 12 months
- Provide one-to-one support to a young person in the areas of life skills, self-esteem & personal development
- Maintain a Mentor Code of Ethics

Mentor Qualifications and skills required:

- Interested in young people
- Good listener
- Honest
- Reliable
- Good communication skills

Mentor Key selection criteria:

Essential:

- Working With Children Check
- National Police Check
- Good character
- Honest
- Interested in young people and community
- Ability to work one-to-one or in a team
- Reliable
- Able to commit to required sessions
- Committed to training

Desirable:

- **Experience with young people**

Further enquiries to Jane Crowe on 03 5572 2788

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