



Dear Parent/guardian,

Re: Expressions of Interest. Kokoda Youth Program- On the Right Track 2017.

Frankston Youth Services in partnership with Kokoda Youth Foundation presents 'On the Right Track' (OTRT) program in 2017. The program is a 6 month experiential program that aims to assist young people in the Frankston area that are aged 14-16 years (Year 9-10) giving them an opportunity to challenge themselves mentally, physically and emotionally by introducing participants to the outdoors. 'On the Right Track' provides young people with an alternative way to express themselves in a safe and nurturing environment as they work together to complete various hikes, culminating in the Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge event. The OTRT program successfully ran in 2015/16 and we continue to improve and make it a one of a kind program offered only to young people in the Frankston municipality.

The OTRT program promotes the spirit of the ANZACs. The program identifies the values engraved on pillars at the war memorial at PNG as key attributes for lifelong success: **Courage** (bravery and honesty), **Endurance** (strength and growth), **Mateship** (loyalty and integrity), and **Sacrifice** (selflessness and volunteering).

"On the right track" includes:

- Leadership training aimed at developing life skills for the future
- An alternative learning experience, teaching about the environment, the Kokoda Campaign while building on their personal fitness through wilderness treks.
- Physical fitness and hiking through the Dandenong Ranges - preparing young people for an experience of a lifetime.
- A trip to QLD, **taking part in the Gold Coast 48km Kokoda Challenge.**
- Opportunities for personal growth and learning how to function as a member of an effective team.
- Community Service component, linking young people to the community. Taking part in running events such as the "Melbourne Kokoda Challenge".
- A graduation dinner acknowledging personal growth and focusing on setting and achieving future goals.

The course will be beginning in April and will run until October 2017. The program runs from 8:15am until 4:15pm every Monday (program A) or Tuesday (program B) until July then fortnightly thereafter. There is no cost involved for young people partaking in the program.

Please note:

There are limited places, in order to help achieve quality results for participants.

If you would like to be considered to participate in this program, please complete the REFERRAL FORM and return to your local youth worker or welfare co-ordinator ASAP.





Please fill in the referral below:

Date: _____ Name of Agency/ School: _____

Contact No: _____

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Gender: Male Female Prefer to Self-Describe _____

Date of Birth: / /

Age:

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Education Status: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Parents name: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (M) _____ (W) _____

Language spoken at home other than English: _____

Indigenous Status: Aboriginal Yes No

Torres Strait Islander Yes No

Please complete all of the following questions:

Tell us a bit about yourself?

What interests you about taking part in this program?





What do you hope to achieve by taking part in the On the Right Track program?

Who do you think with support you in the program (parents, teachers, siblings, youth workers)?

What are your strengths and weaknesses?

**Do you perceive there to be any barriers for you to participate fully in this program?
And can you commit 100% to this challenge?**

What is your understanding of the Kokoda Campaign and Australia's involvement in the war?

How would you rate your level of fitness?

- Very unfit Somewhat unfit Fit Very fit





I, _____, parent/guardian of _____,
(Parent Full Name) (Student Full Name)

acknowledge that if my child be selected by Frankston Council to participate in this program the weekly absence from school each Monday or Tuesday is the responsibility of the student to complete any missed work.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you would like to be considered to participate in this program, as there are limited numbers available, please return this completed and signed form to your year level co-ordinator or the wellbeing team before MARCH 31st 2017.

Following the submission of this form the student may be contacted for an interview and will later be notified whether they have been accepted in the program and will be required to fill out the relevant documentation prior to commencement.

If you are interested in this program or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jane or Dean on the details below.

Kind Regards,

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