

Dear Principal,

I hope this finds you well!

I'm George Dickson, club manager at PCYC in Bourke.

I wanted to send you this email to commend your students and staff who came to Bourke and stayed last Wednesday and Thursday night.

The boys were outstanding. Their mature attitudes, willingness to help in all areas and ability to engage youth who come from disadvantaged backgrounds was amazing. In all my time living and working in Bourke I have never seen our youth engage with others from outside of our community like they did with your students. Our youth need to build trust before they interact but the way your boys handle themselves and the situation ensured our youth could trust as soon as they met your students.

Some of the youth we deal with everyday must grow up quickly in their households to ensure they survive. It was phenomenal to see your student's ability to allow our youth to "just be kids again" during their stay. One of your students even donated a pair of shoes to the club for one of our youths. This shows me the respect and willingness to give that your school and staff have embedded in your students. I arrived back at work on Thursday morning to find the shoes with a note, to say it will one of the most memorable moments in my life would be an understatement.

The manners and outgoing personalities that your students have is extraordinary. I wish them all EVERY success in the future. There is a bright path ahead for each of them.

Sean and your staff should be commended for the work they do. They went above and beyond for both me and our young kids in Bourke. Everything I said about your students clearly comes from the role modelling your staff provide.

I hope this partnership continues in the future because it was a highlight of my time at PCYC in Bourke. Your students and staff are always welcome here!

Thank you.
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