



School Focused Youth Service - SFYS

School Focused Youth Service (SFYS) is a State-wide service which offers support for schools and agencies in building protective factors for vulnerable young people.

Merri Community Health Services SFYS works with Moreland and Reservoir schools and agencies to develop partnerships and enhance existing relationships to improve educational, health and wellbeing outcomes, and to increase opportunities, for vulnerable young people aged 10 – 18 years.

SFYS focuses on the coordination of prevention and early intervention strategies for young people, delivered through school and community networks. This is achieved in a number of ways including:

- Providing information, ideas, referral advice and options for schools and agencies engaged in student wellbeing and partnership development;
- Facilitating forums and networks for key stakeholders such as student wellbeing staff in school networks;
- Assisting with systemic and individual advocacy and facilitating community based responses to emerging issues; and
- Providing funding to meet gaps in the educational and community service systems through individual and project brokerage (see below).

SFYS Brokerage Funding:

Project Brokerage:

Funding is available for school / agency partnerships to develop projects for at risk young people. Projects must directly involve and benefit vulnerable young people aged 10 – 18, meet an existing gap in service, and work towards improving or enhancing existing systems and processes. Applications are invited during one or two funding rounds each year.

Individual Brokerage:

Individual brokerage of up to \$500 can be applied for at any time to assist an at risk young person stay connected to education, family or the community. Funding must meet a gap in service, is last resort and 'one-off'. It must form part of a coordinated support plan for the young person.

For more information about SFYS please call the SFYS Coordinator, on (03) 9355 9900, or visit the SFYS website at <http://www.sfys.infoxchange.net.au/>

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