



# Youth Connections

Far West and Murray Darling Regions.

**Youth Connections supports young people who are at risk of disengaging from education. It offers flexible case managed support and services that focus strongly on achieving outcomes that are prioritised toward personal development and a successful transition through education and onto further education, training or work.**

### Target Groups

The Youth Connections program is available for eligible young people residing within the Far West and Murray Darling regions in NSW. They will be at risk of disengaging or have already disengaged from education, and/or family and the community. This includes young people from all school sectors, humanitarian refugees, Indigenous and disadvantaged young people.

Age group 11-19 years

### Program Activities

Youth Connections offers a continuum of services so that young people at risk can access the help they need. Service delivery is characterised by the provision of individualised case management tailored to the needs of each young person with the aim of strengthening their resilience and well-being.

Support offered by Youth Connections workers may take the form of one-on-one and/or group assistance, mentoring, advocacy, referrals to other specialist services and provision of access to other training such as literacy and numeracy.

### Funding Sources

Youth Connections is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

### Contact Information

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Towns covered within the Far West Region include: Broken Hill, Tibooburra, White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee

Towns covered within the Murray Darling Region include: Wentworth, Dareton, and Balranald

### Outcomes

Anticipated outcomes for participants in the program include the following:

- continued engagement or re-engagement with education
- successful transition through education to tertiary education, training or employment
- engagement with other specialist services and activities as required
- connection or reconnection with family and/or personal support networks
- positive/active connection with the wider community
- improvement in career prospects and life skills
- development of personal resilience and self-efficiency

### Mission Australia

Mission Australia is one of the nation's leading charities and community service organisations, having helped change the lives of individuals and families in need for almost 150 years. Mission Australia's vision is 'to see a fairer Australia by enabling people in need to find pathways to a better life'. Mission Australia currently operates more than 450 services throughout metropolitan, rural and regional Australia – in every state and territory. Our community, employment and training services aim to provide:

- Pathways away from homelessness
- Pathways to strong families and healthy, happy children
- Pathways through a successful youth
- Pathways to skills and qualifications
- Pathways to sustainable employment