

# THE STREET UNIVERSITY™

This year Cecil Hills High have partnered with The Street University Liverpool (Ted Noffs Foundation) to set up an outreach counselling service, operating out of the welfare hub every Monday. This was initiated to supplement the school counselling service which continues to support students throughout the school year, to include a focus on young people who have difficulties with their own or others' alcohol and other drug use.

The Street University is a youth development project created by the Ted Noffs Foundation which provides various community-based services and interactive spaces for people aged 12 – 25. The aim is to help young people realise their dreams, harness their potential and to create positive outcomes for their lives and their community. Programs specialise in channelling young people away from personally destructive and anti-social behaviours to improved self-esteem, inter-communal co-operation and social engagement. Our services involve parents, schools, local councils and businesses, the state government and community and religious groups and leaders.

The Street University's trained directors, mentors and facilitators use a multifaceted range of youth work, counselling and community development techniques in order to combine progressive approaches to social work with grassroots community participation. We experiment with the artistic and social potential made possible by a uniquely Australian multi-ethnic, inter-faith, socially diverse culture. Free workshops operate out of the space and cover dance, street art, dj skills, beat making and production, music management and artist development, recording studio sessions and graphic design skills. The schedule is updated regularly and led by some of the best youth workers in the business.

If you are interested in visiting the space and participating in a workshop, or utilising the weekly counselling service at Cecil Hills High, don't hesitate to contact Student Support Officer Jonathan Brancati for further information.