



LGiS NEWSLETTER

IF YOU COULD SEE THE REAL ME

With Term 1 drawing to a close, I have been reflecting on how often I hear young people in our programs both at the centre and in the schools speak of "the real me". Often this ME is lost in the pressure to conform to group behaviours in an effort to belong. One young person spoke of how belonging to them meant belonging with the "in" kids even in circumstances where they could see that this group was not a positive influence. Our role then, is to strengthen that sense of self so young people can be their REAL selves. At Learning Ground, we speak of being **GROUND**ED in the knowledge of who we are, and we develop this grounding systematically and incrementally. It is a learning so needed for our young people today.

- Rumbi Mabambe



Message from
Chain Reaction Executive
Director

2023 LGiS Graduate NOW Student Leader address to 2024 LGiS participants



LGiS was ready to kick off 2024 with the return to Chifley College Dunheved Campus. Before the Program started a meet and greet was held with the selected students to allow them to hear from a 2023 past participant. A 2023 student shared his insights and experiences from the program that have then helped his growth into year 9.

"LGiS isn't just a program; it's a platform tailored for all kinds of students, whether you're drawn to sports or academics. Each of us has been chosen for a reason...

LGiS was a transformative journey that extended beyond academics.

It became a cornerstone of my well-being, helping me break out of my shell and discover aspects of myself I hadn't fully explored. It's incredible how this program saw potential in me, just as it does in all of you today...

To me, LGiS is more than a program; it's a community that nurtures growth and self-discovery. So, let's embrace this opportunity with gratitude and openness, cherishing the journey ahead."

- CCDC Student

Upcoming Dates

TERM 2 LGiS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DATES

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

ASK YOUR CONSULTANT ABOUT OUR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

MANAGING ANXIETY

BUILDING RESILIENCE

UNDERSTANDING THE TEENAGE BRAIN

Our research-based, family-tested knowledge exchange program is for anyone caring for or working with children 2-16 years old and is available for delivery to staff and school communities.



CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



At the beginning of March, Learning Ground had the pleasure to attend Bidwill Public on the day they were hosting other Connected Communities schools, showcasing Bidwill Public's partnerships with community to support the student body.

A student, now in year 7, attended the day to be part of a Q&A alongside his facilitator from last year to discuss what being part of LGiS had meant for him. There was not a dry eye in the room as the young man reflected on the circumstances and choices that led him to be, in his words, "a troubled student" and then how his teachers and SLSOs supported him to be more of himself and to make better choices for his future.

The student described, to the events attendees, that LGiS is a "safe place" to explore who he could be, the possibilities available for him and his growing choice to engage positively in his education.

The Chain Reaction Foundation wishes to thank Bidwill Public School's **Michelle Drage** (Executive Principal) along with **Kate Marlow**, **Tiah Santarossa**, **Matthew Porter** and **Ritia Manu** for their commitment to their school and school community.

For those schools who have had LGiS for a few years, you too will have stories similar to Bidwill Public's experience. It is our privilege to partner with schools to support student's psycho-social learning, something increasingly needed by young people as they navigate a complex world.

On behalf of the Learning Ground in School team I would like to thank each our schools for a successful start to LGiS 2024.

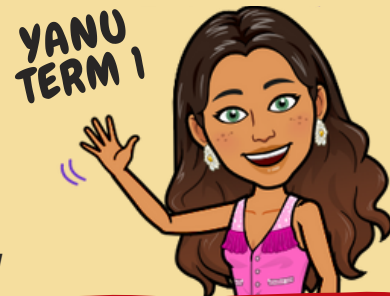
Preparation + Purpose = Success.

Each of our LGiS consultants have shared their joy of being in the LGiS spaces with not only the participants, but with the LGiS school staff. Your presence, support and above all commitment to the social and emotional well-being of your students is admirable.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the time you have dedicated to your preparation, your delivery, your students and your school community.

LGiS isn't just for our young people, it also offers each of us a strong learning and understanding of self.

As we move into Term 2, with many preparations well under way, I would like to say WARAMI to our new partner schools, and WELCOME BACK to our returning schools.



Message from LGiS Corodinator

DID YOU KNOW?

All printable resources are accessible through our **MOODLE** platform.

These resources will be updated regularly.

LGiS facilitators - PowerPoint templates are available.

For more information and **MOODLE** login access

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