

Munarra Youth Futures

About Munarra Youth Futures

All kids need to be nurtured to develop their aspirations, life skills and self-esteem, and be supported to achieve success at school as a key part of their journey to adulthood.

The RFNC established Munarra Youth Futures (MYF) in 2008 in partnership with the AFL and several philanthropic organisations with the aim being to engage kids' passion for sport to nurture their success at school and in life.

The program supports boys and girls in sport and at school with mentors and training. This includes sports training, school support, personal and cultural development, career counselling, camps, jobs and apprenticeships, visits to elite sports Clubs and access to elite athletes, such as Jarrod Atkinson of the Essendon Football Club and Bianca Chatfield of the Melbourne Vixens.



"Munarra means 'thunder'. When a storm is coming, we hear the thunder before it arrives – it signals the arrival of a great force."



Engaging kids' passion for sport in order to nurture their dreams, their success at school and their careers.

Who benefits

The initiative will see RFNC juniors (U14 and U17 football and U11, U12, U13, U15 and U17 netball) experience a range of sport, cultural, artistic, educational and adventure activities. The program has a large out-of-school component (associated with the Club, and sports training and competition), and will provide an element of in-school support to students, parents, Koori Education Officers and school programs as a whole. The program focuses on 10 to 17 year-olds.

Overview of objectives

Munarra's key outcomes will be to improve indigenous school students' engagement with, and performance in, the local mainstream primary and secondary schools and also to support successful transitions to work or further study. The initial performance indicator is to improve targeted student school attendance and performance by 10 percent after the first year of operation.

Program options

- The Wuta (Full) Sports Program – three times per week junior (10 to 17) football and netball training and games open to all and with a focus on engagement, discipline, skills development and building positive personal and professional habits.
- The Burra (Boss) Leadership program – once a week junior and youth leadership development by invitation, provides educational support and offers a range of leadership activities such as public speaking, story telling, mentoring, arts and craft and healthy choices.
- The Mohona (The Edge) Elite Program – once a week junior and youth elite sports development by invitation, provides the opportunity to experience elite level training and sports activities through specialised sports training and engagement with elite level athletes and coaches.