

# Kids' Community Action BOOTCAMP

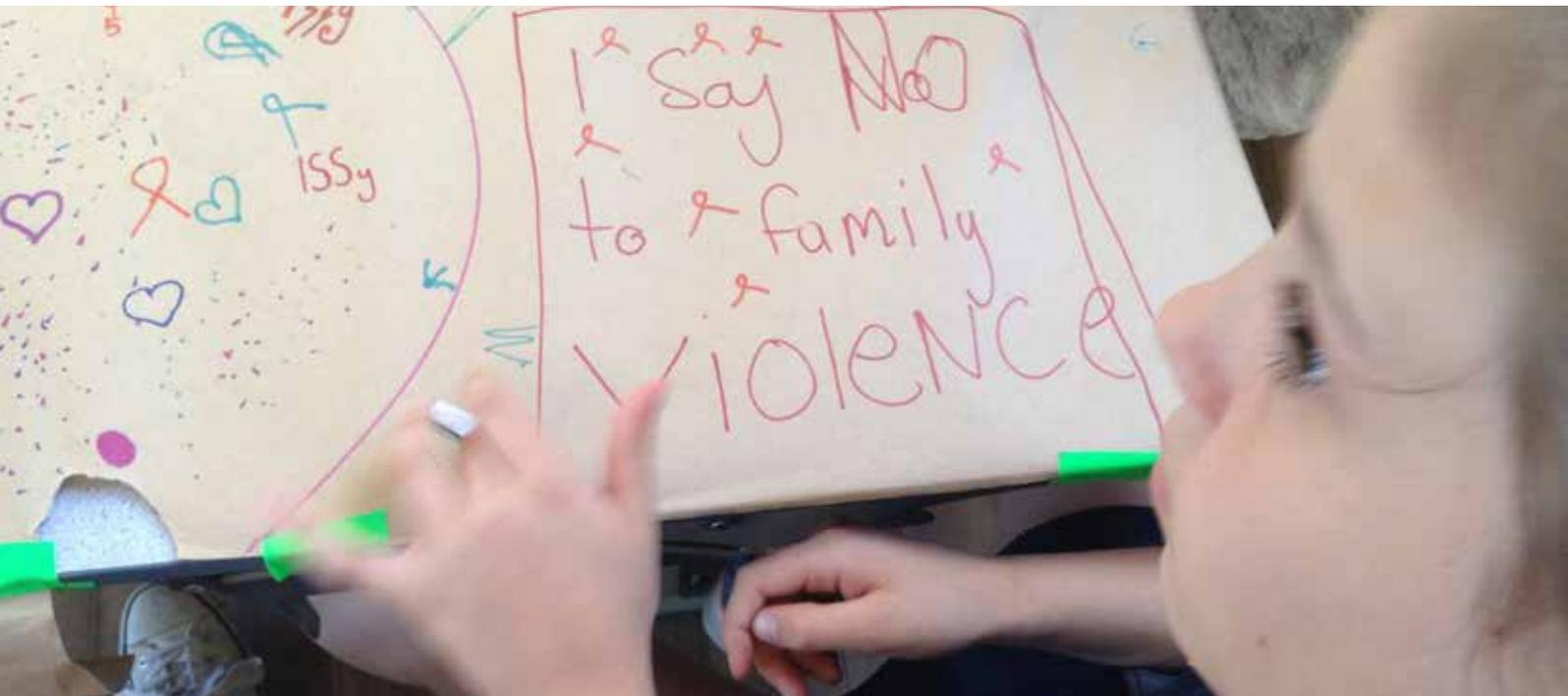


## What is Bootcamp?

Kids' Community Action Bootcamp is a week-long creative leadership and social change incursion program for grade 5/6 students. It encourages student voice, choice and agency as they take the lead in self-initiated, community change projects.

In this step-by-step program your students will become catalysts for change by being given the tools of self-empowerment to actively make the changes THEY want to see in their communities, right now.

Your students will look *outside* themselves to practice volunteering, leadership and entrepreneurial skills. They will look *inside* themselves to build empathy and resilience.



## How will it look in my school?

Kids Thrive will embed creative facilitators in your school for a full week, working intensively with grade 5/6 students and their teachers. Over five days, students will step outside their daily schedule, immersing themselves in action-based, real-life learning, identifying local issues, building partnerships with local charities and organisations and co-designing and budgeting philanthropic projects to benefit their local community.

At the end of the week, students will pitch to a panel of school and community leaders for funds to implement their community change projects. After the incursion, students are responsible for delivering their projects with their community partners, supported by their teachers and school community.

Prior to arrival, Kids Thrive will broker relationships with local community organisations and charities in

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## What will the outcomes be?

Bootcamp will increase students' educational engagement, develop their motivation and capacity to lead community change, expand their personal and social capabilities, and build safe and supportive community pathways - all factors known to build young people's resilience.

## Curriculum links

Delivered throughout Victoria, Bootcamp is aligned with the Victorian F-10 Curriculum:

### 1. Physical, Personal and Social Learning:

Students learn about themselves and their place in society. They learn about their rights and responsibilities as a global citizen. Students are enabled to express opinions and ideas of responsibility, integrity and commitment.

### 2. Discipline-based Learning:

Students develop skills, knowledge and behaviours in the arts and humanities.

### 3. Interdisciplinary Learning:

Students explore different ways of thinking, problem-solving, reflecting and evaluating. They also learn creative skills to communicate ideas and principles.



*'Snack n' chat'* - community catalysts meet the Mayor

## Evidence

Bootcamp is based on Kids Thrive's award-winning Kids as Catalyst six-month primary school leadership and resilience program. Kids as Catalyst won the 2017 VicHealth Award for improving mental wellbeing and has been evaluated by the University of Melbourne's Jack Brokhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program. Results from the evaluation show students increased personal capabilities including:

- Confidence
- Perseverance and empathy
- Social skills including teamwork and social awareness
- Educational engagement
- Self-directed learning

## How can I get Bootcamp in my school?

**Ask us how!**

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*'The Pitch'* - seeking funding from community leaders

Kids Thrive is Victoria's leading arts and community development organisation committed to child-led social change. The organisation delivers programs that use creativity to tackle issues children experience arising from trauma, disadvantage and cultural conflict, and to expand children's creativity, communication and social skills.