

THE RITE JOURNEY R - 12

Following on from the success of our Year 9 Rite Journey Program for schools and The Rite Journey Parenting Plan for families, we are excited to offer a whole school process for developing responsible, resourceful, respectful and resilient young people.

WHAT WE DO:

The Rite Journey team, led by Andrew Lines, consults with schools and organisations to create a whole school framework which progressively develops responsibility, resilience, resourcefulness and respect as well as acknowledging and celebrating milestones.

WHY WE DO IT:

In our Australian and New Zealand society, at the age of eighteen, every young person receives all of the legal freedoms afforded an adult. In this day of 'helicopter parenting' many 18 year olds are not suitably prepared for the freedoms and responsibilities of legal adulthood.

We have worked with schools and organisations for over 20 years, using The Rite Journey to help create a Rite of Passage process to honour the transition of students from childhood into adulthood.

Effective development into responsibility and resilience needs to start much earlier than Year 9 (14 years old) and this led to the creation of The Rite Journey Parenting Plan - a scaffold of graduation points using birthdays to introduce new freedoms and responsibilities throughout childhood.

The strongest hope for creating well-rounded socially, emotionally intelligent young people is through a partnership with schools and parents - hence *The Rite Journey R - 12*.

HOW WE DO IT:

Through a series of presentations and workshops we will assist staff to create a whole school process. An initial **presentation** outlines the background to The Rite Journey R - 12 along with the key cornerstones of the process. This will be followed up a few weeks later with a **workshop** which will focus on:

- exploring with teachers the current 'graduating responsibility' practices that exist within the school
- outlining The Parenting Plan and the concept of 'freedoms and responsibilities'
- brainstorming possibilities for their R - 12 scaffold.

Once the school has formed its TRJ R-12 scaffold we will provide an introductory **parent evening** to assist in launching the program and helping inform parents/carers of the process and how they can support the development of their child at home.

In its full implementation TRJ R-12 will have a series of milestones/graduation points throughout Primary School that will build responsibility ultimately culminating in a special Year 6 Graduation. Year 7 and 8 will focus on social, emotional and ethical considerations, leading into The Rite Journey process in Year 9. Years 10 and 11 will look at consolidating their responsibilities and in Year 12 they will complete their schooling with The Rite Journey Revisited - a special final year program looking at launching our students into adulthood and out into the world.