ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROJECT 2023: REAL IMPACTS



Metro SE Secondary College:

Impact of Connectivity Clubs

- 83% of all students attend clubs (up from 32% in 2021).
- Absenteeism 25% lower than schools of similar demographic and 17% lower than state average.
- Four-fold increase in identified positive behaviours.
- With improved attendance they've seen amazing academic growth.





Student #1 experience:

Student struggled socially and experienced bullying. Connectivity Clubs resulted in a 4-curriculum level increase in literacy, and 6-curriculum level increase in numeracy in 2.5 years.

Student #2 experience:

Student identifies as transgender with high socialisation concerns. Connectivity Clubs has resulted in a 3-curriculum level increase in literacy, and 5.5-curriculum level numeracy increase in 2.5 years.



Metro NW Primary School:

Access to Physical Activity spaces

- Substantial reduction in major behaviour incidents.
- Substantial reduction in absenteeism 52% of students absent 20 or more days in 2022, currently down to 21% in 2023.





Student #1 experience:

In 2022, student has challenges with emotional regulation, temper, struggles socially and had a high rate of absenteeism. This student is now involved playing soccer and footy every recess and lunchtime.

Attendance improved from 27 days absent in 2022, to just seven in 2023, and major behaviours down from 15 in 2022 to seven in 2023.

Student #2 experience:

Student struggling with social interactions and behavioural challenges joined the after-school AFL program and has made a positive social connection, translating to improved attendance (42 days absent in 2022, to just 15 days absent in 2023) and major behaviours (five incidents in 2022 and still zero in 2023).



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