

Participants Survey

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Q1: When did you participate in Operation Newstart?

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Q2: Which program did you participate in?

Operation Newstart Southern (Frankston)

Q3: Are you Male or Female?

Female?

Q4: Was your Operation Newstart program

A program with both boys and girls?

Q5: Did you graduate from the Operation Newstart program?

Yes

Q6: If you did not graduate, what were the circumstances that prevented you from completing the program? (You can check more than one box).

Respondent skipped this question

Q7: How long after finishing the program did you remain at the school that referred you to Operation Newstart (your home school)?

More than three years

Q8: Are you currently

in paid full-time employment?

Q9: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on your life?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

It opened my eyes to a brighter world. A world of HOPE, confidence, independence and most important respect with the Police.

Q10: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on your relationship with friends?:

Significant positive effect

Comment: I lost connection with some friends as they were heavy drug users and made a positive change of new friends

Q11: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on your relationship with family?

Significant positive effect

Comment: I was communicating much more with my family

Q12: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on your relationship with teachers?

No response

Comment: Good, I completed up until year 12 and always kept the positive words of encouragement from the Newstart Program

Q13: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on your relationship with police officers?

Significant positive effect

Comment: Much more respect for the police officers

Q14: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on your relationship with local support agencies?

Significant positive effect

Comment: Very good, I was able to step out of my comfort zone and meet with a local group that I let in.

Q15: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on identifying future goals?

Comment:

Significant positive effect

By participating in Operation Newstart my goal at the time was completing high school and I stuck to that. That was my first ever goal and acknowledging how to identify a goal was a big challenge as I had NO sense of hope in life before hand

Q16: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on developing confidence and self-esteem?

Comment:

Significant positive effect

The biggest thing for me was the positive communication. I had never been pushed with words of encouragement, or someone taking the time out to sit and tell me I had a lot of potential and things in life to look forward to! This blew my mind! My confidence soared along with my self- esteem during my time with the program!

Q17: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on working with others?

Comment:

Significant positive effect

Being in the group with other troubled teenagers going through the same I was able to take eyes off myself and see that other people were going through a tough time also. I was more AWARE of working with others by the end of the program.

Q18: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on developing organisational skills?

Significant positive effect

Comment: Organising was never my thing but I

managed to get COPING skills that helped me organize myself.

Q19: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on concentrating on, and completing tasks?

Significant positive effect

Comment: It helped me complete my high school! Not giving up on things that are hard!

Q20: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on developing independence?

Comment:

Significant positive effect

I developed much more independence- I was finding myself determined to learn things so I can develop my own Independence as encouraged in the program. I felt this greatly gained much confidence in myself!

Q21: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on controlling anger?

Significant positive effect

Comment: I was a silent angry person and this allowed me to find out what it was I was feeling and how better to deal

Q22: What effect did your participation in Operation Newstart have on respecting authority?

respecting authority? Significant positive effect Comment: much respect

Q23: Do you believe participation in Operation Newstart has reduced the risk of you being involved in:

the justice system as an offender?

Significant reduction in risk

the justice system as a victim?

Significant reduction in risk

reckless risk taking behaviour, e.g. getting into a car as a passenger with a drunk/drug affected driver?

Significant reduction in risk

(please note question added after 124 responses received); Any further comment?

This program has changed my life! I hope to see more Teenagers lives changed for the better because truly, It was absolutely SENSATIONAL!

Q24: Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about your participation in Operation Newstart?

Good luck and hope more people come forward as It really does make a huge difference!