

Participants Survey - Response 145

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Q1: When did you participate in Operation Newstart?

2005

Q2: Which program did you participate in?

Operation Newstart Southeastern (Dandenong)

Q3: Are you Male or Female?

Female?

Q4: Was your Operation Newstart program

An all-girls program?

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 part-time employment?

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

your life?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I gained self confidence and gained a very different outlook on my life, I went from Smoking drinking and partying to studying and helping out other young people, this program means a great deal to me and I wouldn't be where I am today without it!

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

your relationship with friends?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I learned how to communicate with people better

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

your relationship with family?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

After finishing the program my relationship with my father and sister completely changed! I was became a lot closer with them

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

your relationship with teachers?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I actually attended classes and and respected my teachers

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

your relationship with police officers?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I met three police officers whilst on my operation newstart program and built great relationships with all of them! They had a very big impact on my life

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

your relationship with local support agencies?

No effect

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

identifying future goals?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

It made me realise that only I can't decide what and where I am going to take my life! I never had goals before the program. But during the program I set my goals and have not given up on them even to this day

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

developing confidence and self-esteem?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I has no confidence of self esteem but after graduating the program I had gained them both

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

working with others?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

After the program I started helping the special needs students and teachers at my schools integration centre! Was one if the best experiences of my life

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

developing organisational skills?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I was surprised at just how organised I became through the program

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

concentrating on, and completing tasks?

Significant positive effect

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

developing independence?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I loved learning that I was allowed to be independent whilst on the program especially coming from a family violence background it really opened my eyes

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

controlling anger?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

Coming from a violent background my take on situations that made me angry was hit first ask questions later but after completing the program I learned that there where other much healthier ways to deal with my anger

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

respecting authority?

Significant positive effect

Comment:

I never respected authority until the newstart program but spending all that time with the police officers made me realise that they are not bad people who have a job to do that takes a great deal of commitment and passion

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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

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

My experience in operation newstart was honestly the best thing that ever happened to me, I learned so much I have not forgotten anything from my program, I have been back to visit where I did my program several times! I love the operation newstart program and everything it has to offer youth at risk