

# YOUTH OFF THE STREETS



Father Chris Riley's

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## KEY COLLEGE



More than a decade of experience has taught us that education is one of the most effective ways to break the cycles of abuse and poverty that can trap so many young people.

Our accredited high schools, for young people aged 13 to 18 years, offer a flexible curriculum with a focus on literacy and numeracy that responds to the specific needs, interests and talents of young people who have been disconnected from mainstream education.

### ***With over 20 services***

Youth Off The Streets offers a full continuum of care through the provision of outreach services, crisis accommodation, alcohol and other drug services, counselling, accredited high schools, long-term residential treatment programs and a semi-independent living and mentoring program. Volunteers help us every step of the way.

***Youth Off The Streets maintains policies and procedures that comply with the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 to ensure clients are protected from all forms of abuse while in our care.***

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**www.youthoffthestreets.com.au**

Key College provides educational opportunities from trained and supportive staff for young people who are homeless or without stable accommodation. The college is an accredited high school and offers individual learning programs for years 7-12. It is hoped by giving students the opportunity to achieve the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate they may move forward with their lives and move toward a positive and healthier lifestyle.

The school environment is considerably different to that of a main stream high school. We teach in one large classroom and operate not unlike a primary school classroom. Students range in ages from 14-18 years. Often these students have had or do have a drug dependency or alcohol problem and most have lived in abusive situations.

Key College offers a supportive learning environment and endeavours to assist students with their housing, health, counselling and legal issues. We see this as necessary before learning can begin. By the time a student has completed their education at Key College they have a strong feeling of 'belonging' to a community. We have a strong commitment to assist our students while at school and when they leave Key College.

### **2007 Outcomes**

- 1 student completed her H.S.C (Pathways)
- 1 student passed year 11
- 5 students completed their School Certificate in English, IT and Mathematics
- 2 students achieved their Maritime Certificate
- Students participated in 12 Service Learning Activities
- 2 students transferred to TAFE to continue their education
- 1 student completed year 1 of an apprenticeship [with a Smash Repairer]

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*Youth Off The Streets is helping disconnected young people to discover greatness within, by engaging, supporting & providing opportunities to encourage & facilitate positive life choices.*

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