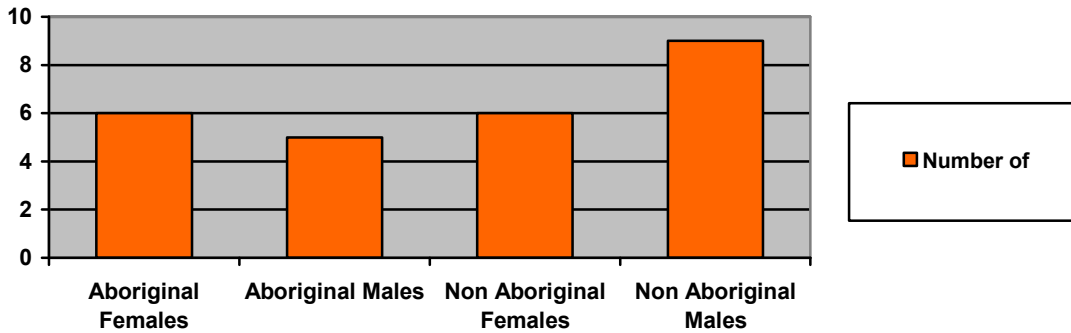




# 2007 Bilyidar Program

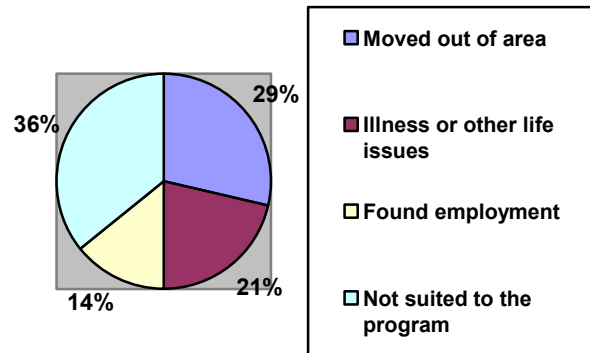
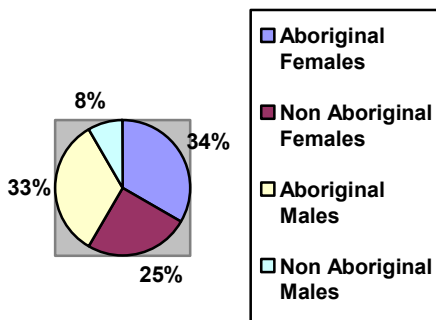
## Key achievements and feedback:

- 26 young people participated in the 2007 Bilyidar program. The age range of the young people was 15-21 years of age. The young people came from Mandurah and Pinjarra.

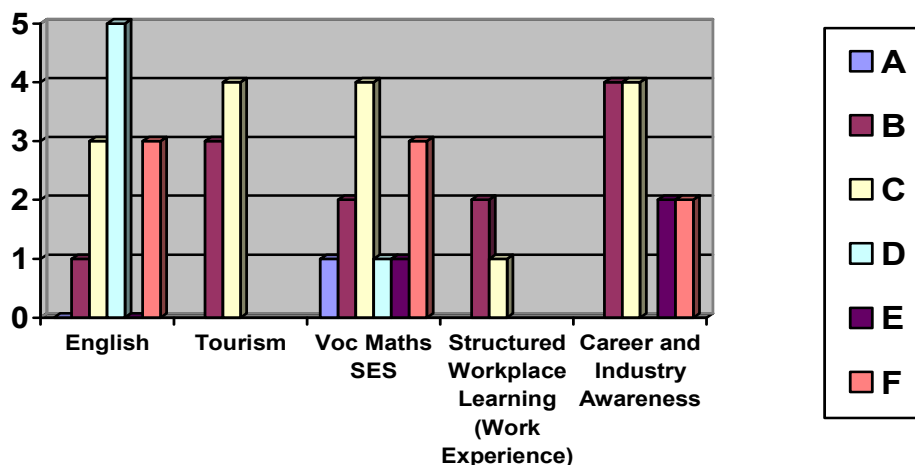


- Twelve completed the 12 month program.

Of those that did not stay with the program the entire year (n=14);



- Of the 12 completing the 2007 program, 5 are working towards graduating at the end of 2008 (year 12). Four young people are on a three year graduation plan and will graduate in 2009. Three young people will not be returning to the program in 2008 (one has moved away, one has got a job and one was not suited to the program).
- Twelve students completed English, Vocational Mathematics and Career and Industry Awareness. Seven completed Tourism and 3 completed Structured Workplace Learning. Their results are below.



- Of the 26 young people who attended the program, 13 had over 80% attendance. Four young people had 60-80% attendance and 9 had less than 60% attendance. Over the entire year, the average number of students each day was 11.
- Out of the eight different groups completing Vocational Mathematics at the Mandurah State Emergency Service, the Bilyidar group won the award for best teamwork in 2007. Two female students from the Bilyidar group won leadership awards and one female Bilyidar student won most improved.
- Overnight orientation camp in February at Mornington Adventure Camp, Harvey was attended by 12 participants and 9 support people. The young people really enjoyed the team building and challenging themselves and getting to know each other.
- The 2007 Bilyidar students, staff and volunteers provided leadership at the following community events and activities:

Blue Light Disco and Idol Competition July 11<sup>th</sup> 2007  
 Healthy Breakfast Club day 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2007  
 Clontarf Versus Peel team football day 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007,  
 students raised over \$200 towards purchase of  
 t-shirts they designed for the 2007 Bilyidar program.



- The 2007 Bilyidar students, staff and volunteers participated in the following community based activities:



Artwork for the Mandurah Stretch festival, May 2007  
 Filming of scenes for safety on the Mandurah Train Line for young  
 People, Right Track Project, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2007  
 Consultation with the City of Mandurah on Civic and Cultural Precinct  
 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007  
 Mandurah Christmas Pageant 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007

**Photo from Christmas parade.**

- Even after the conclusion of formal classes and all school work was completed for 2007, seven students still attended the program to help plan for 2008 and assist with interviewing and preparing applicants for the 2008 program.
- One Bilyidar student chaired the November 2007 Bilyidar Management Committee meeting.
- Up to three Bilyidar students are being considered for employment opportunities with City of Mandurah at Billy Dower Youth Centre.
- The Bilyidar students participated in lots of different activities and workshops to assist them in all areas of their lives. They completed (just to mention a few):
  - Streetnet Mystery Tour, focusing on road safety and awareness
  - Drug overdose prevention program, what to do in an emergency
  - Noongar Language and culture classes and visits to significant sites for Aboriginal people in the Peel region
  - 7 week Moorditj Safe Sex program
  - Disability Awareness workshop
  - Cyberspace safety discussion, keeping safe on the Internet
  - Mental Health overview
  - Stress and relaxation workshop
  - Renting a house, your rights and responsibilities
  - Employment preparation discussion



The feedback from the 2007 students showed that they really enjoyed the following activities the most:

- Aboriginal Art workshop during overnight camp in February
- Designing their own t-shirt for the program
- Visiting Clontarf and Dumbartung healing centre
- Hip Hop dance classes
- Visits to sites of significance for Aboriginal people in the Peel region with Iris Woods
- Mask making with Community First for Christmas parade
- Employment preparation workshop with Robyn, City of Mandurah

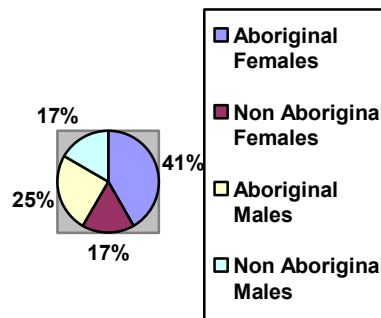
- 2 Bilyidar students were involved in the 2007 Mandurah YAC (Youth Advisory Council – City of Mandurah).

- **The Blue light disco and Idol achievements, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

Sixteen young people from the Bilyidar program spent time after hours to plan and deliver the Blue Light Idol and Disco at Players Bar Mandurah. Planning began in April 2007. Students secured sponsors and 5 judges for the Idol competition. They ran auditions attracting six different contestants. Over 400 young people attended Disco and Idol final. Young people from Bilyidar program took on significant roles on the night, Master of Ceremonies, Cloakroom attendants, drink and snack sales and running dance competitions etc. The young people raised \$2,600 towards their 8 day camp. Two students from Bilyidar won the Blue Light Idol competition.

- **2007 eight day camp.**

12 young people attended the camp  
Places visited included; Wave Rock  
Kalgoorlie, Morapoi Station and  
Merredin.



Eight leaders attended and assisted with the camp. Support was provided from WA Police Services, South Metropolitan Public Health Unit, Disability Services Commission and Mandurah Senior College.

Eight young people provided feedback on the camp. They enjoyed motorbike riding and activities at Morapoi station and meeting new people from different places the most. What they found difficult on camp was the arguments, traveling on the bus for long periods of time, and being served rare meat at Morapoi Station. They really enjoyed seeing Wave Rock and Mulka's cave, but felt this part was a bit disorganized and not enough information was given on the history and significance of Wave Rock. In Kalgoorlie visiting the Mining Hall of Fame and a night walk through Kalgoorlie was great. The highlight of the trip for most was the stay at Morapoi Station. The people were lovely and the activities fun. At the final stop in Merredin, the local students challenged us to a game of basketball, enjoyed by all. For the next camp the young people would like to see more organized activities with set times for activity and free time.

All 8 who provided feedback on the camp said that they had learnt more about Aboriginal Culture;

- Learnt new dancing style and heard different language.
- We learnt to respect our land and how to cook their way.
- Yes about how they do things Kalgoorlie way.
- They live differently to me/my family and traditions.
- They cook their food weirdly and differently.
- Because the way they live is different to the way we live.
- I didn't know that cactus can be used as a cream for your skin, but only the inside of the cactus.
- It was great to learn more.
- They cook their meat different to us Noongars.



In terms of other learning on the camp, a wide range of responses were given from personal growth through to learning more about each other and other places.

All recognized that the camp is important to the Bilyidar program to bring the group together and learn more about culture, each other and having opportunities they never thought possible.

Feedback from the camp leaders suggested it was a great cultural experience overall. Some young people's and leader's behaviours were difficult and the unpleasant language of some young people.

Recommendations for future camps include:

- Offer sessions on hypothetical/ scenarios so students can offer strategies they all **agree** on (ie consequences) to manage them
- All students take ownership of camp planning so that if something does not work how they anticipate they can reflect themselves as a group rather than look to blame others.

### • **Setting Goals**

At the start of the year all students set personal goals. These included what they wanted to achieve for their studies as well as aspects of their personal life, communicating better with others, improved self confidence, trusting others more etc. Mid way through the year in June the students looked at where they were at. Sixty percent had reached where they wanted to be or better. At the end of the program after 12 months, 94% had exceeded their expectations.

### • **Program evaluation**

Eight students completed the final program evaluation.

All 8 agreed with the statements that they had enjoyed the program, that other people should join it, that it was useful and that they got to try new activities.

Seven out the eight students learnt about Aboriginal culture, more about themselves and what they are capable of.

Six out of eight learnt to be more accepting of other cultures and meet others from different cultures that they would not have normally met.

Five out of eight learnt to talk better with all types of people, how to work as a team, how to get on with different types of people and stated that Bilyidar really changed them as a person.

Overall in the young people there was more confidence, a direction in life, and they were able to express themselves better.

Students were asked what were the best bits of the 2007 program. The most popular responses were:

- the overnight camp at the start of the year
- doing sport once a week, choosing what sport to do and participating in physical activity options in their own community
- going to Morapoi station
- end of year celebration at Adventure World.

