

December 2008

Mentors celebrate

EVENT: Mentor-One Christmas Party
DATE: Friday, December 5
TIME: 4.30pm – 7.30pm
VENUE: 53 Mt Cotton Road, Capalaba
ATTENDEES: Michael Choi MP, Member for Capalaba, The Hon Andrew Lamming, Federal Member for Bowman, Phil Weightman MP, Member for Cleveland and Karen Williams, Redlands Shire Councillor.
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Meet local mentors and the young people they work with

BoysTown's Mentor-One program will celebrate the year's achievements at a Christmas Party on Friday, December 5.

The local mentoring program will recognise the men and women from the Redlands community who have given support and guidance to young people through the difficult teenage years.

Program coordinator Paul Stewart said it had been a big year for the program that sees mentors spend quality, one-on-one time with local school students for about two hours a week listening, to their dreams and aspirations and helping them to recognise their strengths.

"The program has really grown in 2008, expanding into two more local high schools and offering mentoring to young people in BoysTown programs in the Redlands and Logan," Mr Stewart said.

"There are now about 80 mentoring relationships taking place.

"We also offered more training than ever for mentors, with 17 sessions of personal development training covering subjects such as bullying, goal setting, blended families, alcohol and drug training, grief and loss."

Friday's Christmas party will give mentors and mentees the chance to show off their talents with a juggling workshop and jazz band performance and they will be rewarded for their dedication with a seedling tree each from Indigiscapes, a local native plant nursery and educational centre.

Mentor-One is a BoysTown project funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and supported by Redland City Council, Education Queensland and many Redlands community organisations.

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