



IDIOM

defn: (noun) the language particular to a people or district, community, or class.

Life after school...

For year 11 and 12 students there is often an incredible amount of pressure to work out what they want to 'do' and what their career will be in the future.

Students are pushed to find a uni or TAFE course to take part in after they leave, but quite frequently they don't even know what the course covers, if they are really interested in the subject matter, or where it is going to lead.

A lot of young people are pressured by parents and teachers to choose the right pathway to lead a 'successful life' but quite often school leavers feel as though they only have the one chance to make the right decision. This is completely false, in this day and age people change their careers all the time.

There tends to be more pressure on young people who are unsure of what path they want to take. The social expectation pushes them to do things they don't want to do and drives them to make choices too quickly and without enough research behind it.

Nowadays there is a high drop out rate for courses and apprenticeships or traineeships. Generally, those who leave before completion of the course have not been well prepared or may have had unrealistic perceptions of what happens when school is over.

It is really important for students to 'research' their future whilst at school, and it is crucial to have a pathway in mind to help eliminate the unknown. Being prepared is the key to having a less stressful time when leaving school.

Students need to keep as many options open to them as possible, which means going to open days and career expos, talking to career advisers and teachers at school, as well as communicating with friends and family.

For more information on careers, training and apprenticeships check out www.training.wa.wa.gov.au



Karting

Bassendean Youth Services runs a full day Go Karting program during the school holidays. The karts are ex racing machines which run on a full sized outdoor track.

Participants are involved with all aspects of maintenance and pit work throughout the day, and get to race against their friends in one of our 6 karts.

Head to the Youth Services website to watch a video of some of the latest sessions.

Dudley Robinson Youth Grant

The Dudley Robinson Youth Grant supports individuals to strive toward developing their potential in their chosen pursuit. Recently the Town of Bassendean awarded the Dudley Robinson Youth Grant to two young people from Bassendean.

Individuals can apply for a grant to represent the State or Commonwealth in a recognised sporting, performance arts, academic achievement event, or to attend youth leadership activities.

The grant will provide up to \$300 for International level representation and \$200 for National level representation. For Youth Leadership Activities the limit is set at \$250.

To be eligible you must live in the Town of Bassendean and be aged between 12 and 25 years.

If you would like more information contact the Town's Youth Development Officer on 9279 2329 or download the application form from the Town of Bassendean website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au



Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services are situated underneath the McDonald Pavilion at Steel Blue Oval on the corner of West and Guildford Roads near the Skate Park.

The Youth Centre is open for young people to 'drop-in' between 3pm and 6pm Monday to Friday, and to 10pm on the first and third Fridays of the month. The Centre offers a broadband internet and computer game café, PS3s, band room, pool table, and DVD movie projector. Everything happening in the afternoons is free, and the centre is available for young people aged 12 to 25.

The centre also runs LAN parties, band rehearsals and activities most weeks. Structured activities are also offered every school holidays. Past activities have included: Adventure World, Go-Karting, Outdoor Rock Climbing, and Paintballing. Most of these activities only cost a few dollars per person.

During the next school holidays the Youth Service will run a number of activities. Come into the Youth Centre to find out what's happening next, or check out our website for more information - www.bys.net.au

