

# The Young Women's Program



Stories from those who know... Young folk sharing their experiences

## The Hike

'Hard work but stick with it,  
it's f\*\*\*ing awesome!'

'The hike began on Monday mum dropped me off at the bus station it was really hard seeing her leave me with people I didn't know but I think she would have known that I needed to change my life.

I'm sitting on a rock - looking at the beautiful view but I miss my family so much, I can't wait to see mum and dad again. I lost my friends because I just thought about myself all the time but this hike has really changed my life.

The hardest part is not seeing mum. Now I'm sitting here level with the clouds and it's really cold I'm doing this camp because I want to change my life and get back to school and find my old friends. I have learnt on this camp that it don't hurt to cry because I cried for about 15 minutes thinking about mum dad family friends.'

'It's day 3 we are at the top of the mountain up here, it is so f\*\*\*ing good, do not give up I would live up here if I could!'

'Dear mum and dad and meg,  
I'm sitting on the highest point of Mount Cobbler, its beautiful I'm higher than the clouds watching the sunrise thinking of family and home and how much I miss it, I have enjoyed this camp met some awesome kids that I'm a bit similar to This camp has been the hardest challenge of my life, it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> last day or something like that not long to go.  
Can't wait to see yous  
Love xoxoxoxox'

'Dear mum and dad,  
I love u so much and I am really sorry for all of the shit I have caused u. I have so many blisters and I sprained my ankle so many times but it was all worth it 4 the good things I have realised while I've been on typo, but that's not the only good thing that's happened. I've made heaps of friends and I've seen some of the best views in the world.  
It's day 7 and my favourite view so far is little cobbler at sun set it was awesome. I hope to bring both of you hear some day because I know both of you will like it. I have changed on this hike and I hope that when I get home I can show everyone just how much I have changed.'

# Station Life

Living the simple life, Station Life is about keeping the place running, getting involved in different stuff... Art, cooking, leatherwork, workshops, the local community, time to yourself.

Together as a group we work through the tough times and enjoy the fun times...  
'We have to stick together. We're a family'

'One of the best things is getting to respect people you wouldn't give a chance to. Someone who I normally wouldn't even talk to is now one of my good friends.'

## Solo day

'Today has been a very good day we got up did our morning jobs had our breaky got our stuff ready then got dropped out bush. We set up a km and a half away from each other when I got to my spot the first thing I did was get some shelter up we have a tarp thingy with ropes off it so I used mine as a roof and made some walls with branches and stuff then I had a snooze woke up then had some lunch went for a bush walk.

This day was a very good chance to think about things like my future and where I want to end up in life

It is also the 2<sup>nd</sup> last day and I have also thought about how much I will miss all the people and the leaders and the property I really look forward to celebration day tomorrow.

I think this camp has been a really good chance to get away from everything and have a good think about all the dumb shit I've done and how I should talk and act with more respect to people friends and family'

## Celebration Day

Family and supporters come up to Typo Station and see where and how you've been living. This is your day, a chance show your people your life here. They're here because they're proud.

It's not easy getting to Celebration Day. It's a big achievement. Today is recognising and celebrating that!

Well done. So well done. It's with pride that the group photo takes its place on the wall of fame at Typo Station, it's with pride that supporters watch you running the place and the day, and it's with pride that you show the 'real you'