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Victoria Police Youth Affairs Office

The Youth Affairs Office assists with training, research and policy issues within the area of youth.

The Office provides a co-ordination role for Local and State Governments and the community to provide support in the delivery of specialist operations department community programs and initiatives for the youth of Victoria.

The Youth Affairs Office incorporates the High Challenge Program, Blue Light State Coordination, Derby Hill Blue Light Youth Camps, Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC), Victoria Police Youth Corps (VPYC) and Youth Resource Officers.

The Office also co-ordinates the Police Youth Officer of the Year Award and the Silk Miller Scholarships for Victoria Police.

The Youth Affairs Office is located at the Victoria Police Centre, Melbourne

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Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer



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Aims of Victoria Police

Victoria Police is committed to providing “intelligent and confident policing, focused on the development of partnerships and a community capacity that empowers individuals to build a safer Victoria”.

Victoria Police wants better outcomes for children and young people. We believe that this can be achieved through Police working in partnership with key youth organisations within our community. This will enable a whole of community approach to identify and address local police/youth issues, by collaboratively developing systems which suit the local environment and the young people.

We need to address all the factors that influence young people. This includes community, culture, employment and education to improve community health and well-being to provide establish better pathways and opportunities for our young people.

This will provide young people with greater opportunities to achieve their potential.

Objectives

In addition, the role seeks to fulfill the following objectives:

- ~ To provide a policing youth framework that increases the capacity of police to deal with police/youth issues, whilst addressing the needs of effective operational policing in partnership with the local community and government agencies.
- ~ To engage all sectors of the community which develops the capacity of local communities to deal with youth issues.

Aims of Police Youth Resource Officer Model

The key aims of the Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer model is to:

- ~ Provide a service which best suits the needs of the organisation, local police and young people;
- ~ Work with local partners in identifying local youth issues and developing strategies with appropriate performance measures for success;
- ~ Work with local communities and partners to develop systems, support and services to provide young people with positive pathways for developing to their full potential;
- ~ Support and increase the capacity of local operational police to identify and address youth issues;
- ~ Provide an equitable policing service to both rural and metropolitan Victoria.

What is a Police Youth Resource Officer?

A Police Youth Resource Officer is a police member who specialises in child and youth related issues affecting our community.

They are a facilitator, co-coordinator and referral service provider of local youth services for police, youth and the community.

What is the role of a Police Youth Resource Officer?

The key aims of this role are to:

- ~ Create and maintain a District Youth Profile
- ~ Represent Victoria Police at a local level and undertake a leadership role in the community in relation to issues relating to policing and young people;
- ~ Work in partnership with local communities to identify and target needs to develop strategies to support positive pathways for young people;
- ~ Identify Youth Stakeholders both internally and externally to plan an integrated response to youth issues;
- ~ Establish early intervention and crime prevention strategies for young people;
- ~ Contribute to the education of police members and to support and increase their capacity to identify and address local youth issues;
- ~ Develop local policing strategies that increase the capacity to identify and effectively deal with youth issues.

The Youth Resource Officer is supported and managed by the District Inspector.

There is at least one Youth Resource Officer in each Local Government Area to support and respond to youth issues.