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SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION & CHLAMYDIA SCREENING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN AN OUT OF SCHOOL SETTING

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YOUNG PEOPLE & CHLAMYDIA

The NSW Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) Strategy 2022-2026 highlights young people under 30 as a priority population. This priority population are significantly over-represented in chlamydia and gonorrhoea notifications across all gender and sexuality groups. Schools and other tertiary settings are recommended for both sexual and reproductive health education and STI testing.

SEXUAL HEALTH TESTING BARRIERS

- Lack of transport to the nearest publicly funded sexual health clinic (over 64 kms away)
- A shortage of bulk billing GP's in the area
- Shame around accessing local services in a small regional town
- Asymptomatic chlamydia infections



WHAT WE DID

Health promotion officers and sexual health clinicians delivered outreach sexual and reproductive health education sessions at two Life Ready Camps in 2022 with students transitioning into year 12. Students had the choice to do a chlamydia and gonorrhoea urine test on site at the completion of the sessions.



GETTING RESULTS

March: 120 students attended education sessions, 91 urine tests completed, no positive test results.

December: 110 students attended education sessions, 41 urine tests completed, 2 positive chlamydia results.

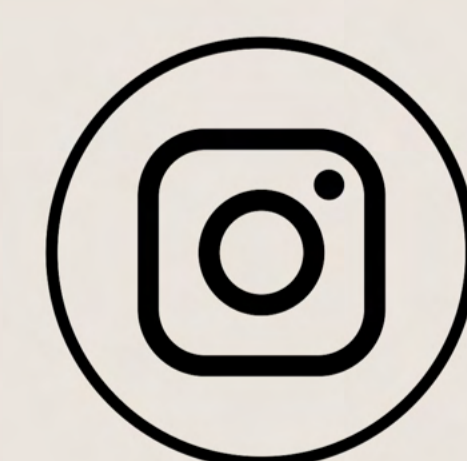
"The Chlamydia testing project provides a valuable experience for our students as part of the Life Ready Camp. The testing is done in a relaxed environment, in a very non-confrontational way. Students feel safe and supported to engage in the testing and as a result of this experience, are less likely to shy away from important issues in relation to their health" Camp staff member

"The involvement of sexual health professionals at our camp's chlamydia testing resulted in expert guidance, a safe and informative testing environment, and valuable education for all students. Their contributions led to timely interventions, positive health outcomes, and increased long-term awareness about sexual health among our students" Camp staff member

"It gave the students who might have been nervous or wondering about the situation, the opportunity to find out in a relaxed environment with no stigma as everyone was completing the testing" Year 12 Student

BENEFITS OF OUTREACH TESTING

- Free
- Confidential
- Inclusive for all students both sexually active and not
- Safe environment as part of the Life Ready Camp
- Supported by camp staff members



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