

Our vision

To improve the education and life opportunities of our students so they can reach their full potential.

Our values

Honesty Caring Respect Responsibility

Our beliefs

- We believe in the power of inspired young people
- We believe all young people are capable of success
- We believe all young people deserve a lifelong love of learning
- We believe education should be accessible to all young people
- We believe all young people deserve the opportunity to have input into their own learning
- We believe all young people deserve to be listened to

Our mission

To provide opportunities for young people to grow in body, mind, and spirit.

Fun facts about the Y



Did you know the Y is the largest and oldest youth movement at more than 175 years old



Established in WA in 1908



The Y operates in 120 countries reaching over 64 million people worldwide each year



Any surpluses the Y WA makes are reinvested into children's, youth and community projects and programs



Over 60 services and programs state-wide

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Inspiring Career Focused Learning



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Who is the Y and what do we do?

You've probably heard the YMCA song, but there's so much more to the Y...

We've evolved from the YMCA to the Y, and we're a not for profit organisation that believes in the power of inspired young people. We've been creating positive change and social impact in WA communities for over 110 years through our services and impactful community programs.

The Y has a long history of supporting young people around the world. Here in Australia, as part of our movement to empower young people in body, mind and spirit, the Y has been providing high-quality education for young people who are looking for alternative learning to mainstream schooling.

The Y Vocational School

The first Y Vocational School in Western Australia is conveniently located in Mirrabooka, 12km north of Perth's CBD.

Opening in 2022, initially for Year 10-11 students and then including Year 12 students in 2023, our small, independent school will accommodate up to 100 high school aged students who have previously experienced challenges engaging in education. Our highly experienced teachers and youth workers provide educational programs to promote continuous engagement and meet individual student learning needs and interests, whilst placing an equal emphasis on social and psychological development, to improve the educational and employment outcomes for our students.

Our School Culture

We provide a safe and nurturing environment where all young people keen to learn can enjoy a sense of belonging, regardless of their gender, sexuality, religion, or difference. We work in partnership with our students to build their self-worth and resilience, teaching self-regulation and inspiring positive attitudes and behaviours towards themselves, their families, and the school community, to encourage their success so they can become happy, healthy adults and thriving members of our communities.

Additional Support

Alongside academic success, social and emotional development is a high priority at our school. To inspire learning and consistent engagement:

- Our teachers are trained in supporting trauma-affected young people
- We have youth workers in each classroom and case management support
- Our class sizes are no more than 20 students
- Our psychologist provides one on one support and counselling
- Wellbeing classes focus on managing mental health



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Curriculum & Career Opportunities

Every student who completes their schooling with us will achieve a nationally recognised qualification. We also provide Vocational training opportunities through community partnerships, which lead to qualifications and employment in a variety of industries.

We provide:

- Certificates I, II and III in General Education for Adults (CGEA)
- Each student has an Individual Education Plan based on their interests, strengths, and abilities, carefully designed to achieve their goals
- Year 10 students learn English, Mathematics, Health, Humanities and Social Sciences, Art, Science and Technology
- Year 11 and 12 students also study Health, PE, Protective Behaviours, and Humanities, in addition to CGEA in literacy and numeracy, and additional electives
- We focus our teaching on literacy and numeracy skills using evidence-based programs
- We use the national OLNA tests to track our student's progress in literacy and numeracy
- We teach essential employment skills, including interview techniques, punctuality, and appropriate workplace behaviour

How students can enrol

Students may be referred from their previous high school, Participation or Transition teams, from medical and mental health professionals, or self-refer via the enrolment form on our website. Each application is reviewed by our School Principal and Youth Manager.