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## Young Local Leaders Learn New Skills

Students from two local secondary schools have learned skills around leadership, teamwork and values. The Student Leadership Day, which was attended by students from Kerang Technical High School and Cohuna Secondary College, was held at Northern District Community Health (NDCH). Seventeen students attended the program, which included online and in person activities and discussions. Students discussed different leadership styles and how they could make a change in their schools and greater community.

NDCH's Youth Health Promotion Worker, Matt Allan, had been planning the day for some time. "With COVID restrictions and other delays, it was something that we have had on the cards for over a year," Matt said. "It was amazing to see it come together finally."

As well as Matt Allan, students also worked with Alejandro Zambrano from Burn Bright, a Sydney based company that focusses on advancing the skills of young leaders.

Matt said NDCH was delighted by what young people had to say after the training. "We were so grateful to hear the positive feedback from the day," he said. "All 17 students would like to attend follow up training in 2021, so I better start planning that!"

NDCH CEO, Mandy Hutchinson was also pleased with the day and proud of the opportunities the program provided local young people. "This has shown what happens when creativity and determination to continue combine, culminating in the delivery of a valuable program," Ms. Hutchinson said.

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