



RECKLESS

An educational film and interactive workshop



BACKGROUND

- In the 2006 State Budget, \$1.2 million was allocated to clean-up and prevent the re-occurrence of graffiti.
- Cardinia Shire Council applied for and were successful in obtaining a \$20,000 grant from Department of Justice.
- \$6,000 was allocated towards producing an educational video by young people for young people.

Partners

- Cardinia Shire Council Youth Services
- Pakenham Secondary Students
- Pakenham Police Youth Resource Officers
- ARC PRODUCTIONS.

Workshop aims



- Explore why some young people engage in graffiti and other risk taking behaviour
- Gain understanding of the risks and consequences of graffiti and other criminal damage activities
- Gain knowledge of the cost of graffiti and criminal damage to their local community
- Reinforce the connection between actions (behaviour) and consequences
- Encourage young people to make better and safer choices about their behaviour
- Learn about civic responsibility and their role in protecting their community
- Gain understanding of the role of Police and Local Government in response to graffiti and criminal damage
- Learn about programs and services in their local area

Expected Outcomes



- Increased awareness of consequences of becoming involved in graffiti and other criminal damage
- Reduced instances of graffiti and criminal damage
Increased sense of community connectedness for young people
- Reduced number of young people becoming involved in the judicial system as a result of graffiti and/or criminal damage

- Cardinia Shire Council Youth Services are addressing the issue of graffiti/criminal damage holistically by:
 - ‘Reckless’ Educational Workshop
 - P.A.S.T: CD (Putting A Stop To: Criminal Damage) Workshop



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The Caution Program is the result of a partnership between Cardinia Shire Council and Pakenham Police.

This 2 hour workshop is compulsory for young people receiving a caution for criminal damage within the Cardinia Shire.

Aims of Workshop

The workshop aims to decrease the chances of recidivism by:

- Increasing sense of personal responsibility
- Teaching strategies to deal with peer pressure
- Improving self-esteem
- Increasing victim empathy
- Informing young people of possible consequences of criminal damage including cautions, Children's Court dispositions and sentencing.
- Decrease risk of young person becoming involved in judicial system and receiving criminal record.