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12 Buckets initiative builds bright futures at Balga Primary School

Balga Primary School has received a \$1,000 grant from Hawaiian's School's Program, for the continuation of the 12 Buckets program – an innovative pathway to help develop independent young people contributing to their community.

Through the program, students are given the opportunity to participate in a number of initiatives including a University Aspiration program, basketball mentorship by professional players and it's stand out program, One-to-One Mentoring.

The grant awarded by Hawaiian's School's Program allows students to actively participate in the programs which aim to build upon lifeskills and develop a sense of community.

Parenting author, educator and resilience specialist Maggie Dent has previously commented on the program saying this model could work anywhere.

"12 Buckets is an excellent initiative that shows the power of community, and a safe circle of community is a key building block to raising resilient kids," Ms Dent said.

Tailored mentoring is one of the key features of the 12 Buckets program allowing primary-aged children to develop a project which benefits others in some way. Students are matched with an adult mentor who works with students one on one with the focus on a particular life skill.

Hawaiian's General Manager - Marketing, Kristi Ulrich said the organisation was thrilled to enable the continuation of the 12 Buckets program within Balga Primary School.

"We're pleased that our support through Hawaiian's School's Program can continue to provide educational and fun activities that assist with important life skills for WA's youth," said Ms Ulrich.

"It is programs like these which create a dynamic and engaging learning experience which enhances the way young people in our community engage with the world around them."

Balga Primary School Deputy Principal Anthony Chiappalone said the school was proud to be one of four primary schools in Perth's north participating in the 12 Buckets program, with clear benefits seen over the past nine years the program had been running in the school.

"The development of our Bucketeeers' strengths and confidence through mentoring has helped them become influential student leaders and faction captains at Balga Primary," said Mr Chiappalone.

"All our Bucketeeers thoroughly enjoy the 12 Buckets program, and staff see the positive impact it has for our students in the classroom, the playground and out of school."

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