Chevron Invests in an Active Community – V Swans Active Youth Development Program

Wheatstone Project – Investing in an Active Community

Jaqueline Barry, Principal, Onslow School

When I first arrived in Onslow there actually really wasn’t a lot, if anything, for young people to do after school hours, unless it was under their own steam.

Sarah Wright, Regional Manager, V Swans Active Education

The V Swans and Chevron partnership allows us to deliver over 7 programs in Onslow. So, we are interacting with a wide group of the community, from kindergarten kids up to our high school kids and even whole families.

Sean Walker, Development Manager, V Swans Active Education

Chevron provide us with funding for our ‘Shooting Goals’ students.

Taylor, Pupil, Shooting Goals Program, Onslow School

My name is Taylor, and I’m doing the Sports & Recreation Course, so we get to learn different skills in coaching and working with kids, and what’s required to do that.

Joel Yates, Health & PE Teacher, Onslow School

With our remote location, without the help of the V Swans staff and the ability of them to assess this program, it’s something we wouldn’t be able to run. We don’t have the staffing to be able to run all of those programs ourselves, so having them in the school is hugely beneficial to exposing those kids to those skills at an early age.

Jaqueline Barry, Principal, Onslow School

They’re also working with our Year 4s to 6s with regards to the JET Program - Join Engage and Thrive, looking at active learning and we’re getting some really good outcomes from that program.

Rashard, Pupil, JET Program, Onslow School

We do sports and some writing about what we do in sport. We help each other out in JET.

Sarah Wright, Regional Manager, V Swans Active Education

JET kids is our new FMS program, which is Fundamental Movement Skills.
Sean Walker, Development Manager, V Swans Active Education

Chevron provides us with opportunities for our JET kids to do things they wouldn't normally do in school.

Sarah Wright, Regional Manager, V Swans Active Education

When you look at a fundamental movement skill, it’s so much more than what you see. So, balance takes in the inner ear, it takes in visual, strengthens their legs and strengthens their core. It’s not just the standing on one leg that you see, there’s so much behind that one movement.

Jaqueline Barry, Principal, Onslow School

As always, the earlier you can intervene with any students with regards to learning movement, social, emotional, the earlier you can intervene, the better it is in the long-term.

Tia Kemp, Pupil, Onslow School

My name is Tia Kemp and I’m at Youth Sports.

Kiara, ‘Youth Sports’ Participant

After school we normally come down on Thursdays, we come in, get warmed up, shoot around, have some fun playing and then we’ll have a break so we have some fruit, and then we’ll get into our normal dodge game and our normal basketball game.

Jaqueline Barry, Principal, Onslow School

So the kids are now able to go to activities that are set-up, bit of movement and working together in a space where they might not mix in that same group at school.

Tiandra & Adella, ‘Friday Night Lights’ Participants

It’s Friday and we just play basketball and have fun and have sausage rolls.

Kingsley, ‘Friday Night Lights’ Participants

When the kids come down and shoot hoops and have a barbecue. It’s a bit more fun in Onslow, it livens the night up.

Tiandra & Adella, ‘Friday Night Lights’ Participants

If we would not have this Friday, I would’ve been bored.

Geoffrey Herbert, President, Onslow Chamber of Commerce & Industry

I’ve noticed now that it’s not just the kids getting involved; the parents in this community are actually getting more involved with their children in after school sports.

Danny Wright, Onslow Parent

My name is Danny Wright; I’m just one of the parents that come on a Saturday to help out with the kids. A bit of coaching and ball-collecting, and just making sure they’re all in the right place at the right time. As a parent, I just like to come down and see
the kids interact with other adults as well, not just me being the coach all the time. It’s good for the kids to show respect to other adults as well as to other kids.

Geoffrey Herbert, President, Onslow Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Out of school activities really strengthen and build the communities by involving the children and the adults. The kids are loving it, they are learning new skills and it’s helping them to grow. It’s been one of the best programs that I’ve seen come to Onslow.