



Standing Tall in Hamilton Inc

School Based Mentoring



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TERM 1

Welcome to a new year of Standing Tall mentoring here in Hamilton.

Term One is short and full of many disruptions, sporting events etc. But even in this short amount of time, Mentors and Mentees have jumped straight back into developing meaningful relationships and creating great experiences and memories together. We look forward to seeing what the rest of the year will unfold.



COVID-19 EFFECT ON MENTORING

Standing Tall prioritises the health and safety of our mentors, mentees and staff. The Committee of Management made the decision to suspend all mentoring sessions at the end of Week 8 indefinitely. This was determined to be the best course of action in this current climate of uncertainty.

This decision was closely followed by the State Government's decision to end Term 1 a week early. Our students are currently on holiday now.

Our Program Coordinator is also working from home for the foreseeable future, but can still be reached via our email: standingtallhamilton.bco@outlook.com

We will continue to monitor the situation and follow the advice given as more information comes to hand.

We appreciate everybody's understanding and look forward to continuing mentoring when it is safe to so.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Standing Tall is governed by a dedicated team of volunteer committee members who oversee the running of the program, and actively work to maintain the success of the program here in Hamilton.

Peter Elsworthy has recently joined our Committee of Management, after being a long-term mentor with the program since around 2005. He is a passionate

supporter of Mentoring, and really does believe that "it takes the entire village to raise a child". He has mentored many young people during these 15 years, and seen many successes. His wish is to see Mentoring "Thrive and Survive" in our community.

Peter brings to the committee extensive experience working with young people after years of coaching youth in local Hockey Clubs, and also a strong connection to the community through his outreach work with the Hamilton Uniting Church. After proudly seeing his previous mentee graduate from the program in 2019, Peter has just commenced a new relationship with Ben.

We look forward to watching their mentoring relationship grow and develop.



Do you have what it takes to mentor a young person? Have you had life experiences that you can share to help encourage a young person to reach their full potential, do you have one hour a week to invest in the youth of our community? If this is you, we would love to tell you more about it. We are looking for new mentors for our next intake. Please contact the Program Coordinator for more information.

CELEBRATING OUR EMERGING LEADERS

One of our biggest goals here at Standing Tall is to develop our mentee's sense of belonging in their community, and encourage them to find ways to give back to their community, whether their school community or wider local community. We feel a great sense of

"Mentoring is an opportunity to reconnect young and old to reweave the intergenerational threads that are essential for a strong community." - Unknown



pride when our mentees take on leadership roles within the school community. On the 12th of March, Baimbridge College celebrated our 2020 leaders in an Investiture Assembly, where four of our mentees were included in the leadership teams.

Sarah Symes - SRC Representative & Form Captain
Georgina Hunter - Form Captain
Travis Stanbrough - Events Coordinator
Jade McCredan - Form Captain

Congratulations!



BIRTHDAYS

January

- 6th - Michael Vaughan (Mentor)
- 14th - Doug Palmer (Mentor)
- 17th - Zander Beardsell (Mentee)
- 18th - Karyn Dyson (Mentor)

February

March

- 11th - Toby Saunders (Mentee)
- 26th - Karen Watt (Mentor)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

PEER MENTORS 2020

We are excited to introduce our 2020 Peer Mentors, **Nyah Vaughan** and **Georgina Hunter**. Peer Mentors represent Standing Tall in our school and wider community, taking on speaking engagements, providing support for younger mentees and the Program Coordinator.



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