Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Guardians of Creating Chances Participants

Who is Creating Chances?

Creating Chances (CC) is a for-purpose social enterprise delivering an evidence based positive youth development pathway using sport to achieve social impact in health, education, employment and community cohesion. Creating Chances uses sport and interactive workshop activities to inspire young people to believe in themselves, try new things, share their ideas and build healthy relationships so that they can make a positive contribution to their school, community and their future.

Why was my child/ward selected to take part? How does my child/ward benefit from this program?

We work closely with the school to co-design programs and identify students who will benefit from the variety of programs we deliver. Participants are selected based on a variety of factors including leadership potential, or other characteristics identified by the school etc...or they have the opportunity to choose to participate in our programs depending on the year group it is offered to.

Our programs have proven to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased resilience
- Increased self-awareness
- Increased Confidence
- Increased sense of achievement
- Improvement in “Appreciation of School”
- Improved peer relationships and Pro-social behaviour - improvement in school attendance, behaviour and relationships with peers and teachers

What programs does Creating Chances offer? What happens in programs?

Program Name	Description/Outcomes
Well-being Day	Creating Chances' Wellbeing Days are high impact and engaging programs, tailored by our specialist education team to meet the needs of students and promote a safer, inclusive school community.

Life-Ready Leadership Day	A 2 Day program designed to prepare and support senior students as they become more independent and gain more responsibilities. Practical workshops and sports activities are used to trial skills and strategies to make a successful transition to post school life.
Springboard - Primary School Program	SPRINGBOARD: uses interactive workshop activities and sports to inspire creativity, solve problems and build confidence in participants and provides opportunities to practise positive values such as fair play and respect. Opportunities to build healthy friendships, work as a team and be a champion. • Think positively • Find their strengths • Solve problems • Increase resilience • Develop healthy and positive relationships • Build self-confidence
Champions	Creating Champions: Champions programs use interactive workshop activities and sports to inspire creativity, solve problems and build confidence in participants and provide opportunities to practise positive values such as fair play and respect. • Develop self-awareness and self-confidence • Build resilience • Develop positive and healthy relationships • Build personal and social skills
Coaches	Coaches programs provide participants the opportunity to grow as leaders and feel empowered as role models as they design and deliver sport activities for primary school children or junior high school students. • Develop leadership and coaching skills • Develop Mentoring skills • Develop session planning & evaluation skills • Build inter-school connections • Promote a sense of belonging
Gamechangers	Gamechangers is an advocacy focused youth-led program to develop a campaign that provides positive messages targeting students, families and the broader community to promote safety and awareness of issues impacting young people. The

	program is designed to create advocates and active citizens through real-life project-based workshops. • Develop Communication and leadership skills • Develop empathy and critical thinking skills • Develop Project Planning and Budgeting skills
Future Pathways	Participants will participate in either, SUPERCOACH, CONTENDER or DIGITAL FUTURES Future Pathways Programs and will also be invited to an industry excursion to explore various trades and pathways. Understand the future of work and the opportunities beyond schoolIdentify transferable skillsBuild a practical work-readiness portfolioExplore self-awareness and personal characteristics Develop personal goal mapsImprove wellbeing and relationships • SUPERCOACH: Includes practical sports coaching blended with future-ready work skills activities. • CONTENDER: A sport and workshop program that focuses on personal development, and work readiness • DIGITAL FUTURES: A combined critical thinking and employment skills focused program designed to aid the development of an individual toolkit to support transition into employment or further education and work in teams using a design thinking approach to solve social problems using technology.
Football United	Football United creates chances for youth through the magic of football by providing safe, free and accessible playing opportunities for diverse communities in Australia. A values-based weekly football program aimed at increasing resilience, self-confidence and providing a sense of belonging for young people. This program can occur after-school or during school sport sessions.
Pacific Waves	This program has been designed to encourage Pacific young people to learn more about themselves: their personal strengths, cultural and family values so that they can improve their self-awareness, self-confidence and build positive relationships with their peers, family and teachers. Led by highly trained Polynesian Facilitators, this program uses sport, art, food, performance, capacity building workshops and the local context to better understand one's sense of self, and to demonstrate and celebrate culture and community.

The Helmsman Project	An innovative blend of developmental coaching, adventure education and community service form the components of The Helmsman Project (THP) program. THP has been designed in partnership with experts in adventure education and coaching psychology and is delivered by professional developmental coaches.
Rugby Tackle Life	Tackle Life is a 10-20 week school-based rugby and leadership program delivered by mentors from Creating Chances that provides a structured and fun youth-led introduction to rugby, supported by NSW Rugby.
Perfect Presence	The program aims to build the skills and relationships to support students building positive relationships, stronger connections to school and their learning.Programs within the Department of Education's Perfect Presence Project could be a combination of the following: Champions, Coaches, Future Pathways and Gamechangers.

How often and how long does the program run?

Usually once a week, during school time for approximately 90-120 mins. Programs can run anywhere from 1 school term to the whole year. This will be planned on a case-by-case basis with the school.

Will my child/ward be missing class?

Programs are planned in consultation with your child's teacher and school executive leadership team. Although some programs may occur during regular class time, support will be provided to your child/ward to catch up on missed work. The benefits of the programs add value to your child/ward's overall educational experience.

Is the Program Free?

Yes there is no cost to you or your child. There may circumstances during special events or excursions are organised a small contribution to the bus fee may be required.

How is the program funded?

From a variety of sources including government grants, private donations, sponsorship and school funding. This provides us the opportunity to sustain our operations and continue providing long-term impact to children and young people and their communities.

Are your facilitators qualified and experienced to work with children and young people?

All of our staff complete Child Safeguarding training annually and are required to hold a valid and verified Working with Children Check. All facilitators complete an accredited coaching certificate in a preferred sport, and are provided with regular mentoring and supervision by senior facilitators. All Head Facilitators have a minimum of 5 years youth facilitation, sports coaching, and/or teaching experience.

Why should I complete this consent form? Why do you need to collect this information about my child/ward?

There are three key reasons why we require you to complete a consent form for your child/ward:

1. **To register your child in the program and provide permission to participate**. This process protects your child/ward as they will be covered under Creating Chances insurance.
2. **To seek permission to use photos and videos of your child/ward.** Photographs, video and sound recordings and expression of opinion are captured during regular and special events. Creating Chances may publish information about your child/ward for the purposes of sharing their experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about activities.
3. **To monitor and evaluate the program so that your child/ward can complete a survey before the program starts and a survey when the program ends.** The answers you give will be collected and read by a team of people who work at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). These people work with Creating Chances / Football United to understand whether these programs are helping you or not. All participants have the option to take part in the evaluation survey. It is voluntary and the participant has the option to withdraw from the evaluation survey at any time. The information collected provides us with the chance to improve the program based on participant feedback. For more information visit: https://sites.google.com/view/creatingchancespis/home

Is my personal information safe?

All information we have collected about you is stored in a locked cabinet or on a computer that is password protected at the UNSW.

Photos and videos are secured on a multi-factor authentication password protected drive.

How can I provide feedback about Creating Chances or the program my child/ward is participating in?

If you would like to provide feedback, or receive further information about our programs and policies please visit www.creatingchances.org.au, email info@creatingchances.org.au or phone 1300 298 528