

SCHN Youth Advisory Council: The impact and opportunities for adolescents

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What is the Youth Advisory Council?



"I have gained confidence and it has helped me to speak up to the doctors and voice what my feelings are, etc. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and it makes you feel that even though you're young you can do something, and help others."

~Undisclosed, Youth Advisory Council member



Introducing Madi



Introducing Jess



Achievements since 2017

- Hosting, judging, and speaking at the SCHN Quality Awards
- Presenting at the 2017 and 2018 Youth Health Conference
- Opening of the Adolescent and Young Adult Centre of the Bright Alliance Building at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick
- SCHN Inclusion and Diversity Strategy
- Education content on Kids Health Buddy
- Advice on research and quality improvement projects



Youth Advisory Council members at AAAH Conference



Youth Advisory Council members Jessica Nikolovski, Charlotte Newey and Dr Jane Ho with their poster at the AAAH Conference 2018

The Hush Foundation Album Launch – Vol. 18



Youth Advisory Council member Cooper Fenton and her mother Anne Fenton on stage of the City Recital Hall in Sydney on Sunday 16 September 2018, being interviewed on live radio for the ABC about their contribution to Hush Volume 18

“The safety and health of adolescents isn’t expensive, it’s priceless. I feel as if I have gained a lot of knowledge about how many people there are behind the scenes helping out to make sure that the children who are unwell, feel comfortable... I feel I have really benefited from this amazing experience.”

~Sanya, Youth Advisory Council member, 14 years old

