

Community Programs

ILSLAV-Tarwirri's Community Programs:

- Encourage Indigenous secondary school students to complete their VCE
- Promote the exciting opportunities that can be attained through the study of law
- Foster relationships, provide positive role models and strengthen bonds with various Indigenous communities across Victoria

Department of Justice Koori Job Fairs

The Gateways Community Job Fairs is a Department of Justice Initiative promoting indigenous employment and education opportunities through information stalls, and interactive workshops. Where possible, the Department of Justice encourages the use of local role models to demonstrate the success of Indigenous people statewide. ILSLAV-Tarwirri is an active participant in these fairs, showcasing the benefits of legal education and the opportunities it creates.

Community Education Program

The Community Education Program is a program that is predominantly an information seminar which is presented in the secondary school environment. The information seminar held in conjunction with the Supreme court of Victoria and the Victoria Law Foundation, and is designed primarily to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, to remain at school and to choose to follow a career that ultimately leads to that student completing a law degree.

Once the students choose to follow this path, our services are then able to be utilised in a more exclusive capacity; that is, we are able to provide the services of a mentor, and or a tutor. ILSLAV-Tarwirri vigorously encourages schools to receive this program, and all feedback received from seminars has been extremely positive and routinely supportive.

Croc Festival/Vibe Alive

ILSLAV-Tarwirri participated in the annual Croc Festival in regional Victoria in 2005, 2006 & 2007. Held in Swan Hill and Shepparton, members have attended to inform secondary school students about the opportunities available in the legal profession. The Melbourne Law School kindly assisted the Association with funding to attend this event in 2005, 2006 and 2007. In 2008 Croc Festival funding was cut. In 2009, the Association attended Vibe Alive, a new festival in Mildura.

Members Jidah Clark and Holly Charles-Ireland at Croc Festival 2006