WHAT IS YAP?

The Young Achievers Program targets young people studying in Years 10, 11, 12 and first year university who have limited adult support but are excelling either academically, or in a sporting or artistic field. The program matches these young people with a mentor working in their field of interest.

In addition to mentoring, young people also participate in targeted workshops, providing them with unique challenges and leadership opportunities.

The Young Achievers Program was developed by Big Brothers Big Sisters Patron, Philip Brass, and supports each young person by:

- Increasing their self-esteem and life skills;
- Providing opportunities for new experiences and personal development;
- Broadening their social network through one-to-one mentoring and workshops;
- Developing high level leaderships skills;
- Linking them to educational, employment and training opportunities.



MENTORING FOR FUTURE LEADERS

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The future for most of us it's a scary thing because we have no way of knowing what's going to happen today, next week, or even in five years' time. So imagine having someone who's been through what you're going through. You'd want to get to know them... ask their advice.

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BECOME A YAP MENTOR



MENTORS

Mentors are dedicated volunteers who are committed to meeting with the young people each fortnight. They are carefully selected by Big Brothers Big Sisters, and undergo training before they are thoughtfully matched to the young person, and their interests so they can help them achieve their full potential. Once a month, the match meets with the other members of the Young Achievers Program to participate in a wide variety of workshops.

PURPOSE

The Young Achievers Program finds talented leaders of tomorrow and teams with a talented mentor of today and joins them with other young leaders in great activities.

We recognise the value of helping each young person form a relationship with an unrelated and relatively older, more experienced person who can offer guidance and encouragement to make the most of their skills and talents, as well as their educational and employment opportunities.