



## 12 Buckets Mentoring Program

### Overview

We are pleased to have a strategic partnership with 12 Buckets to impact and improve the lives of children in Western Australia. 12 Buckets offers an award-winning strengths-based program that equips at-risk and disadvantaged school students with the practical skills, support and connections needed to build a strong future.



### Program Update

As of August 2018, Initiate Australia has expanded the 12 Buckets program to 2 local primary schools.

12 Buckets began at Curtin Primary School in Term 2 2017 and through this time, we have had 13 students and 11 mentors be a part of our program. We currently have 9 children and 8 mentors who work together on a weekly basis on strength-based projects. All projects provide a platform for each child to use their strengths, passions and interests to give back to their school community and make it a better place for all.

Over the past year, 60% of Curtin Primary School students and staff have directly experienced the generosity of the children in the program; they are the 12 Buckets leaders. Their generosity has included creating recipe books for gifts, conducting Science experiments, coordinating basketball coaching sessions, performing an entertaining circus show for the Early Learning students, designing and decorating furniture and doors in the school to make it beautiful and much more.

In addition to the impact these projects have on the school community, they are providing opportunities for the 12 Buckets leaders to build their

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confidence and resilience, take risks, learn to fail and try again, innovate and create and consider others. The development of these skills are now beginning to impact other areas of their school life and the school has reported up to a 70% increase in many areas. There is more focus in class and children are improving academically. The attendance rate of the 12 Buckets leaders has increased and there has been a significant decrease in suspensions and other negative behaviours.

Initiate Australia opened 12 Buckets at Grovelands Primary School in Term 2 2018 and there is currently 6 children and 6 mentors that have began their journey. We are excited to see how these amazing children impact their school when given a platform to do so.