

# GLOBAL EDUCATION

## PROGRAM 2020

An annual two-week residency in Kenya for aspiring young leaders around the world



*Initiate*  
AUSTRALIA

# About the Program

The **Global Education Program** provides senior school students (aged 15-18 years) around the world, who are identified as **future leaders**, with the opportunity to engage with issues of **injustice** and effectively contribute to their **communities**.

Each year we host a residency in Kenya with selected students where they experience development work firsthand alongside local leaders in a variety of settings. These include schools, health clinics, athletic centres, the United Nations, Australian High Commission and local communities. The program also includes training, cultural awareness, effective service opportunities and ongoing mentoring both within Australia and overseas.

Initiate Australia is an Australian-based charity and an international development organisation. Our goal is to **see people free from poverty** by investing in local people and local initiatives. As part of this, we are committed to resourcing the next generation of future leaders and young people who have a passion to join our movement and make a difference.

## A New Approach

We believe **young leaders** can create and inspire change in their communities. The Global Education Program is a **leadership development** program that invests in young people who have a heart for **social justice** and a desire to make a difference.

Research estimates that as high as 90% of service-learning, mission and cross-cultural trips have little-to-no long term impact. In many cases these trips do more harm than good to local communities. We want to change this!

**The focus** of the program is to change hearts and minds by listening and learning together with local partners and like-minded peers.

# Key Benefits

Selected students known as our **McCusker Scholars** are subsidised to complete the program where they:

- 1 Engage with issues of injustice, especially poverty, both in country of origin and overseas
- 2 Develop leadership skills and cross-cultural understanding
- 3 Form meaningful relationships with peers and like minded individuals, groups and organisations from around the world
- 4 Reflect on a range of responses to the challenges facing our global community
- 5 Explore effective strategies for personal contribution so others may flourish

9 YEARS

13

SCHOOLS

109

PARTICIPANTS

3

COUNTRIES

15

LEGACY PROJECTS



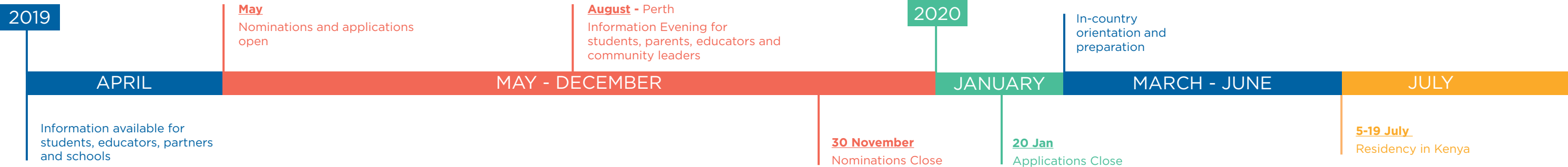
# About the Founder

Josh Bond taught as a Health, Physical Education and Humanities teacher in high school after completing studies in Education and Social Science. It was during this time he was inspired by local people in impoverished communities around the world. This combined with a passion to provide leadership opportunities for students led to the start of Initiate Australia. He holds a Master of Arts in International Development from Eastern University in Pennsylvania.





# Timeline



## Key Details



### Cost

**Australian students** \$4,500 AUD. Cost includes program orientation and preparation, training, overseas residency - flights, accommodation, food, transfers/transport, insurance and all activities.

**International students** \$2,500 AUD. Please note international students are responsible for arranging flights and insurance for the residency in Kenya. All on ground expenses during the residency are included in the program cost.

Bursaries to cover the program cost are available for students in developing nations. Please contact us to find out more.



### Health & Safety

We take a conservative approach to all activities throughout the program and during the residency in Kenya. Detailed information (including vaccinations) is outlined in the program handbook and during the team preparation phase. Please note: vaccinations are note included in the cost and are the responsibility of the individual student and their families.



### Insurance

Students based in Australia are covered under our insurance policy for all aspects of the program including the international residency. Specific details will be provided prior to departure. International students are required to arrange their own personal insurance.



### Risk & Security

Comprehensive risk assessments and mitigation plans are carried out for the residency. We access up to date information provided through the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, affiliated organisations and our local partners on the ground. As a precaution and where appropriate, private security is arranged during the residency.



### Visa

Please note that the cost of the visa is not included in the program fee and will vary based on your country of origin.



### Travel & Accommodation

All aspects are organised through Initiate Australia in conjunction with local partners. For international students separate travel arrangements will be made. The team will spend time at **Cornerstone Ndeiya Valley House**, a partner project and enterprise located on the edge of the Great Rift Valley. Please visit [ndeiyavalleyhouse.com](http://ndeiyavalleyhouse.com)



# Our Alumni

Our Alumni community is made up of our past students and their families. Together we are committed to making an ongoing difference and creating a **legacy of lasting change**.



Genevieve

Studying: Medicine /  
Notre Dame University

Gena was part of the 2011 cohort. She completed a Bachelor of Physiotherapy and is currently in first year medicine at UNDA Fremantle. In 2018, she was a part of the Period of Change initiative receiving funding for health education to school girls in Ndeiya and Solai in Kenya.



Jeremy

Studying: Engineering /  
Curtin University

Jeremy was part of the 2012 cohort, returned as a leader in 2015 and remains involved with various projects within the organisation. In 2018 he completed studies in Engineering (Oil and Gas) at Curtin University of Technology.



Rachel

Environmental Science /  
Murdoch University

Rachel was a member of the 2012 cohort, completed an internship in 2014 and also traveled on the residency as a leader in 2015. She completed a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Conservation and Marine Biology) at Murdoch University in 2016.

“Initiate Australia provides an opportunity for our leaving students to **engage** with like-minded individuals from all over Australia. They are **challenged and extended** as they leave the relative safety of school and before entering the next phase of their life. The way Initiate then continue to engage and support them ensures their **ongoing development** and we feel fortunate to have our alumni a part of such a program.”

David Kyle, Director of Service and Citizenship / SCOTCH COLLEGE

“The Initiate Australia Global Education Program is an intrinsically valuable program that I trust will provide the opportunity for students to develop their **sense of social justice** and leadership capabilities. It is a bonus that it will also contribute towards the WACE”.

Leanne Meldrum, Principal Consultant-  
Endorsed Programs / SCHOOL CURRICULUM  
AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY

“I strongly endorse the program and its vision, to **educate and empower** secondary students from diverse backgrounds, engaging in **meaningful relationships** both **locally and globally** in addressing social justice issues.”

Greg Wood, Project Specialist /  
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

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