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MEDIA RELEASE: Indigenous Hip Hop Project comes to Esperance

17 June 2015: A team of 4 dancers and a videographer from the Victorian -based Indigenous Hip Hop Project are arriving in Esperance on Sunday 21st June for a week of dance workshops as part of Esperance Community Arts' Act-Belong-Commit Esperance & Norseman Hip Hop Project.

The IHHP Team will work with over 1000 students during the week at 6 different schools: Esperance Anglican Community School, Wongutha CAPS, Norseman District High School, Nulsen Primary School, Esperance Primary School and Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School.

IHHP's visit will culminate in a free community concert at the Esperance Civic Centre on June 26th starting at 5.30pm. This event will provide workshops participants with an opportunity to perform and showcase what they learned during the week. The IHHP team will also show off their dance skills to the whole community as part of this performance.

Wongutha CAPS will be selling food and soft drinks at the event and families and community members are invited to attend.

The IHHP team will also make a short 'behind the scenes' documentary to record the week's events. Students and adults from each school will be invited to reflect on questions related to the Act-Belong-Commit health promotion message. The finished documentary will be shown as part of the NAIDOC week celebrations from 5th - 12th July.

This visit, in the lead up to NAIDOC week, is part of a six month project that will include a series of after-school workshops in terms 3 and 4 focussed on developing performance skills and confidence with the possibility of working towards a public performance.

The IHHP visit will engage a wide range of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students in a celebration of Hip Hop dance and music whilst also promoting important messages about mental health and wellbeing.

Esperance Community Arts is partnering with the NAIDOC Committee and other community organisations Escare, BOICO and Dundas Youth Service **and local performers** to coordinate this program of free community events.

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