

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### Funding supports healthy changes at Gnowangerup District High School

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- Nearly \$170,000 in funding provided to WA schools for projects that will support the health and wellbeing of students and the school community
- Grants were made available to 40 schools, including Gnowangerup District High School, through Healthway's Healthy Schools Program
- Schools play an important role in supporting and encouraging healthy lifestyles

The Cook Government today announced that 40 schools across the State will share in nearly \$170,000 in funding to deliver projects that promote the health and wellbeing of their students and school community.

Among the recipients is Gnowangerup District High School, receiving \$3,577 for the delivery of the 'KOORT: Our Voices, Our Minds, Our Hearts' project, which will engage students, teachers and parents in a music program. The program will increase the awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing, and strategies that can support the development of protective factors.

Healthway's Healthy Schools Program provides funding to schools for activities that are aligned to the Health Promoting Schools Framework to improve student health and wellbeing and create school environments that support good health now and into the future.

Since the annual program launched in 2022, nearly \$700,000 has been shared among 172 schools. For more information about the Healthy Schools Program and the list of successful schools and their funded projects visit [www.healthway.wa.gov.au](http://www.healthway.wa.gov.au).

#### **Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC:**

"Congratulations to Gnowangerup District High School on receiving Healthy Schools funding for this important program.

"I look forward to seeing the project in action and am confident its outcomes will be positive for both Gnowangerup students and the wider school community."

#### **Comments attributed to Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson:**

"We're proud to be able to provide funding to schools to strengthen their capacity to prioritise the health and wellbeing of not only their students but the whole school community.

"The projects that have been funded will inspire students to eat well, move more, and develop skills to support their physical and mental wellbeing from a young age, laying the foundation for lifelong commitment to wellbeing.

"Congratulations to all schools that have received funding, we look forward to hearing about the outcomes of your wonderful projects."

**Comments attributed to Education Minister Dr Tony Buti:**

"Schools play a significant role in influencing the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of children and young people, as good mental health and wellbeing helps students to become better learners and cope with day-to-day challenges.

"We are committed to working with schools to find innovative ways to achieve good health for students across the State."

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