

HIP POCKET SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET

Young people today are bombarded by increasing enticements from savvy businesses to spend their own money or influence their family's spending on a wide range of products and services. They are targeted through conventional advertising channels but also more subtle ones such as mobile phones, reality TV shows and the internet. As vulnerable consumers, it's important to give young people the education and tools to make informed choices which will help them avoid debt and promotional traps. This is where Hip Pocket comes in!

Hip Pocket is a one day highly interactive and engaging financial education workshop, presented to students in years 10 and 11. *Hip Pocket* is designed to challenge student's thinking about managing money and the many ways marketers target young people as consumers. *Hip Pocket* provides students with skills and tools that enable them to make informed decisions about their spending choices. The workshop complements and supports topics within the Stage 5 Commerce; English and Mathematics curricula.

Hip Pocket workshops are facilitated by trained YWCA NSW staff and mentors. These mentors are volunteers, drawn from a broad range of employment and business backgrounds in the local community, who support students with the workshop activities. In addition to this, mentors share their life and work experiences and emphasise the importance of managing money and expectations.

The variety of activities keeps students busy and engaged throughout the day as they draw on examples from their everyday lives. Students explore the impact that their values and beliefs have on the choices they make.

Students who attend the *Hip Pocket* workshop will:

- Increase their knowledge and skills in money management
- Appreciate the importance of saving for the future and the value of superannuation
- Learn about managing debt
- Discover what influences their individual choices and decisions
- Consider the pressures they as consumers face from marketers
- Understand the difference between needs and wants in the 21st Century
- Identify ways to avoid promotional traps and scams
- Meet and talk to professional people about work and life experiences.

Hip Pocket has been developed by YWCA NSW in partnership with Citi Australia. You can find out more about the program by visiting our website www.ywcansw.com.au/hippocket

Workshop Details

Participants and venue

Hip Pocket can be delivered separately to boys and girls or co-ed. Workshops are conducted for 60- 80 students in Years 10 -11.

Hip Pocket is held on school premises with breaks to coincide with school recess and lunch times. Ideally, workshops are run in a hall or similar sized room. The workshop runs most effectively with students seated in groups of 6-8 around a table.

Start: 9:00 or 9.30 am (as negotiated with the school) **Finish:** 3:00 pm

Cost : \$7 per student. YWCA NSW will invoice the school after the event.

Attendance

The exact number of students and teachers attending the workshop must be confirmed two weeks prior to the workshop to ensure we can secure sufficient workplace mentors, student materials and booklets. We set 60 students as minimum number to attend the workshop and 80 as an ideal maximum number.

Child Protection

All workplace mentors and YWCA NSW facilitators participating in these workshops have signed a Prohibited Employment Declaration form in accordance with the Child Protection legislation. YWCA NSW provides mentors with information about this legislation and the importance of ensuring participants' well being during the workshop.

Photography

On occasion YWCA NSW staff may *take* photos of the workshops, some of which may be used for promotional purposes on our website or in publications. No names will be attached to these photographs. We ask that the School inform parents/ guardians (and students) of this possibility.

Should there be a student attending the workshop that has not been given permission to be photographed please advise YWCA NSW staff on the day to ensure privacy rights of any students are preserved.

Attendance by Teaching Staff

We ask that a minimum of two teachers be present at all times during the workshop.

Signed Agreement for confirmation

Once your school is in a position to confirm interest and involvement in a workshop, a Memorandum of Understanding, will be forwarded. This outlines the responsibilities of both YWCA NSW and your school and confirms the details of the workshop. When the signed memorandum is returned to YWCA NSW we will proceed to organise a great Hip Pocket workshop!

Further information

Please contact the Youth Programs Manager on 9285 6211 or email hippocket@ywcansw.com.au



HIP POCKET WORKSHOP

Expression of Interest



Fax to YWCA NSW on: 02 9283 2485 or email: hippocket@ywcansw.com.au

Please complete details below and we will contact you to confirm your workshop/s.

Name of School: _____

Contact Person: _____

Position in School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Term/ Week/ Date

Other Details:

Thank you, for your expression of interest. We will contact you in the near future to confirm the details of your workshop.

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