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MUSIC TO THE EARS OF HUME YOUTH

Students from two local Hume schools will have an opportunity to showcase their musical talents as part of a musical mentoring concert on Thursday.

The students from Roxburgh College and Gladstone Park Secondary College will perform at the Stride Foundation Mentoring through Music Hume end of project concert on Thursday 12th June.

The 18 students from years 7 and 9 will also be presented with their own musical instruments to celebrate their achievements in the Mentoring through Music project.

The Mentoring through Music program gives students who might not otherwise have had an opportunity to learn a musical instrument a chance to get involved, while also helping them reconnect with their schooling and set positive life goals.

Managed by Stride Foundation and coordinated by local musician and 'Living Music' Manager Andrew McSweeney, the program involves talented musicians who are trained as mentors, working closely with youth from local schools.

While the young people are learning music skills, the music mentor works with them to set goals for other areas of their life, such as school attendance and participation, dealing with adversity and developing positive networks with their community.

"The students have been participating in the project since August last year and we have seen some great successes, it is wonderful to see these students do so well that they are now able to perform in front of their peers, teachers and parents," says Sally Pannifex, Stride Foundation Inspire Program Coordinator.

The Mentoring through Music Hume project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Mentoring through Music concert and instrument presentation will be held at the Living Music Studios, 53 Little Baillie Street, North Melbourne on Thursday 12th June starting at 6.00 pm.

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About Stride Foundation

Stride is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to improving the physical, mental and social wellbeing of young people and their communities. Stride's community-based mentoring programs promoted purposeful relationships in which mentors assist at risk young people to develop a positive sense of self and useful connections with their community.

Media are welcome to attend the event, there will be photo opportunities and Sally Pannifex and Andrew McSweeney will be available for comment before and at the presentation.

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