

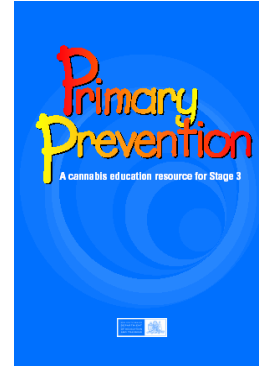
## *Update Term 1, 2006*

**Dear colleagues**

Welcome to the first issue of *Update* from Drug Prevention Programs. Self nominated teachers will be alerted via email to new content each term.

### ***Primary Prevention - A cannabis education resource for Stage 3***

*Primary Prevention – A cannabis education resource for Stage 3* is a resource developed by the NSW Department of Education and Training to support schools wishing to include cannabis education in Stage 3, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) programs. The resource was distributed to schools in Term 3, 2005. It contains background information about cannabis and teaching and learning activities for classroom use.



### **Professional learning to support cannabis education for Stage 3**

To support schools intending to include cannabis education in Stage 3, one-day professional learning workshops will be conducted in every region.

The workshops support the implementation of *Primary Prevention – A cannabis education resource for Stage 3*.

The workshops will provide teachers with background information about cannabis; examine critical elements in effective drug education; and provide an opportunity to plan for cannabis education.

Teacher relief will be provided for two teachers from each school, who have responsibility for Stage 3 drug education, to attend the workshop.

Flyers and applications to participate in the professional learning workshops will be sent directly to schools.

If you have any further inquiries please contact Paul Garufi, Program Officer - Cannabis Education, by telephone on 9244 5379 or by email at [paul.garufi@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:paul.garufi@det.nsw.edu.au).

### **Drug education workshops for primary and secondary schools**

The Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) has distributed a number of resources to schools including *One and All* for Stage 2 students and *Rethinking Drinking: You're in control* for students in Years 7-10.

One-day professional learning workshops are being conducted across NSW to support the implementation of the resources. The workshops also support the NSW Department of Education and Training priority areas of middle schooling and quality teaching.

Flyers and application forms to participate in the professional learning workshops will be sent directly to schools.

If you would like further information about the workshops please contact the drug education consultant in your region. Details about the workshops can be viewed on line at the Professional Learning Exchange at <https://portal.det.nsw.edu.au/tale/learning/index.aspx> and on the drug education portal at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/yrk12focusareas/druged/clresources.php>

## Drug Education Forums

Funding to enable schools to conduct a drug education forum utilising a peer led approach will be available between Term 1 2006 and Term 2 2008.

The Australian Government has developed support materials to assist schools to plan and conduct forums. Schools will be provided with opportunity to select and develop a model of delivery that best suits their school community.

Funding applications for this strategy will be distributed to schools during Term 1. Application forms will also be available on the Department's web site at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/yrk12focusareas/druged>

## Employment opportunities

Information about drug education consultant positions and state office positions is available online at [jobs@det](mailto:jobs@det). For additional information please contact Tracey Cross at [tracey.cross@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tracey.cross@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone on 9244 5561.

## Coming events



## THE CRITICS' CHOICE

This year, *The Critics Choice* will run from 30 May – 30 September. A new downloadable teacher resource is included on the DVD as a PDF file. It includes:

- a guide to using *The Critics' Choice*
- the teacher evaluation sheet and the student entry form
- 2005 results
- four classroom activities
- background information about smoking.

Last year, more than 20,000 NSW students took part in *The Critics Choice* competition. The advertisements nominated as being the most effective in making students not want to smoke were:

- *Clog*, produced by the British Heart Foundation
- *What if – Boy*, produced by the Washington State Department of Health
- *Older*, produced by the Washington State Department of Health.

Keep an eye out for the *The Critics Choice* DVD from May 10.

## Feedback

If you have any innovative teaching ideas, good resources or useful websites that we can share with others, please email details to [drug.prevention@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:drug.prevention@det.nsw.edu.au)

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