

Friendships and fun

Students from Scotch College head down to Claremont Nedlands Cricket Club at Creswell Park each Friday evening from October to March to spend their time actively engaged with the All Abilities Group cricket program. A community initiative that's available to people of all ages, with varying disabilities and special needs or for anyone who is not yet comfortable with joining a mainstream team or program.

The group has been running for several years with their main goal being to cultivate community spirit and inclusivity. Since its inception, Scotch College has been involved in running training sessions, teaching basic cricket skills and coordinating modified games with the players.

Founder of the program Ralph Goodman said with Scotch's help, the program has become a huge success, creating enrichment in the lives of those who participate.

"The way we have structured it is to provide a facility where people can meet regularly and be part of the cricketing community in a non-competitive environment. Our KPI is having fun!" Ralph said.

Social activities and outings are also a main part of the group's program with Scotch students fundraising each year so everyone can enjoy post-training sunset BBQs and a visit to Optus Stadium to watch the Perth Scorchers play.

"Friendships have evolved since the beginning and it gives everyone involved a chance to have a couple of hours a week to socialise in a beautiful location, we even have high profile players such as Matt Kelly and Joel Paris regularly come down," Ralph said.

For more information on getting involved with the All Abilities Group cricket, contact Ralph Goodman on 0419 740 443 or at aac@cncc.org.au

