

The Evolution of Mentoring

Fostering the growth and development of quality youth mentoring across Australia



Australian Youth Mentoring Network

A national hub for youth mentoring, providing access to quality tools, resources and research to foster the growth and development of quality mentoring programs across Australia.

Connecting program coordinators, volunteer mentors and funding bodies to establish local support networks.

Who do we support?

180 Organisations
1000 Individual Members
20,000 young people being mentored



What is Mentoring?

Mentoring aims to provide a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement.

The mentor is not a replacement for a parent, nor are they a counsellor or teacher.

They are a sounding board and confidant to the young person.

(Adapted from Mentor/National Mentoring Partnership and Robyn Hartley's "Young people and mentoring: towards a national strategy" 2004 Report)

Programs & Combinations

	1 to 1	Group	Team	Peer
School Based	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Based	✓	✓	✓	✓
E- mentoring	✓			

Where did it begin?

Mentor in Greek mythology, friend of Odysseus and tutor of Telemachus.

On several occasions in the *Odyssey*, Athena assumes Mentor's form to give advice to Telemachus or Odysseus.

His name is proverbial for a faithful and wise adviser.



A Global View

Programs

BBBS largest model predominately in the USA but also in Canada, UK and across Europe. Has been around for over 100 years.

Peak Bodies

Mentor – National Mentoring Partnership (USA)

- ✓ Has Oprah helping to promote mentoring
- ✓ Lobby's Government

Mentoring Canada (Canada)

- ✓ Run by BBBS Canada

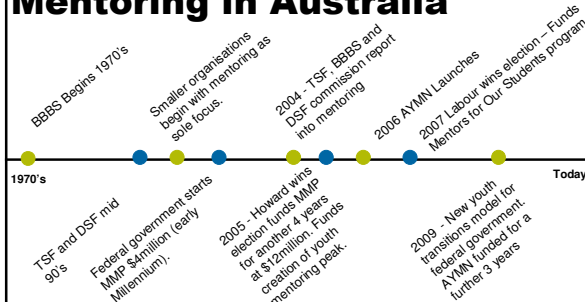
Mentoring and Befriending Foundation (UK)

- ✓ Accredits programs

Youth Mentoring Network (NZ)



Mentoring in Australia



AYMN and mentoring

- Website – Access to quality tools and resources
- Research
- National benchmarks and standards
- OSAT - Online Self Assessment Tool
- Networking forums
- Local support networks
- Professional development for practitioners and mentors
- Mentor Summits



Future of mentoring

- Continue to establish programs on based on evidence and best practice – Adherence to National Benchmarks a minimum standard of operation.
- Quality evaluation for programs to clearly show the benefits of mentoring
- Increasing the community's understanding of what quality mentoring consists of.
- Assisting programs to create sustainable models

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