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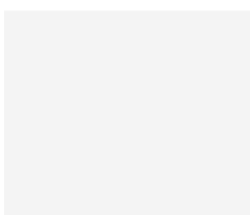
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The high school student now spends one day a week working on Country with the Ngarrindjeri Lands and Progress Association (NLPA), where he is learning practical skills while strengthening ties to his community.

When Mas National apprenticeship consultant Tarah Marygold first met Tyerone, he was struggling to engage with school and found the structure challenging.

Working alongside NLPA, she helped organise for him to take part in the association's agricultural program as part of a weekly training day.

Within weeks, teachers began to notice a change.

"A couple of weeks ago I stuck my head in the class and asked how he was going, he looked at me and said, 'I just love it,'" Ms Marygold said.

"To see that light in his eyes, compared with when I first met him and he wouldn't even look at me – that's really special."

Tyerone said the experience had quickly become something he looked forward to each week.

"I just really love it out here," he said.

"There's a really strong connection between all the boys.

"How we respect each other, take care of each other and help each other out.

"I feel like it's family out here.

"You're treated equally and you're treated with respect."

Through the program, Tyerone is learning about bush tucker, developing practical skills and building relationships within the group.

He said the weekly sessions had also helped him settle into the routine of school.

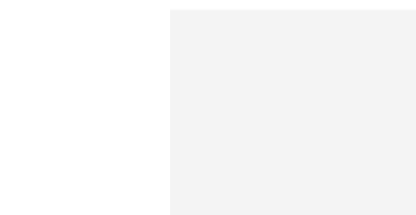
"Every Wednesday I get to go and work on Country with the Ngarrindjeri crew," he said.

"It gives me a refresh and a chance to just forget about school.

"Then I go back into class feeling like I've had a break."

The program is delivered through a partnership between NLPA and Mas National, part of the IntoWork Group, and allows students to participate in on-Country training while continuing their education.

Based in the Coorong region, within the traditional lands of the Ngarrindjeri people, the program supports cultural learning alongside environmental management practices.



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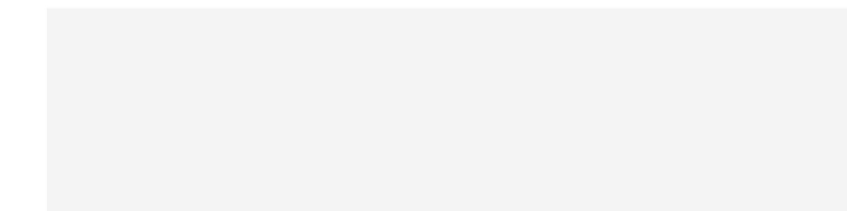
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