

# Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%<sup>1</sup>



## BETTERING A NATION'S YOUTH AND FUTURE



Manurewa Intermediate School (MIS) in Auckland, New Zealand, has changed its reputation... shed the "challenging" descriptor attached to it for years. The school, which draws from a

disadvantaged area of Auckland, is doing so through sheer hard work from faculty and students, and social and emotional learning (SEL) programs like Lions Quest, the signature youth development program from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

"We set high expectations for positive student behavior," said Principal Iain Taylor. "Our number one goal is engaging students by building positive relationships. Only when that's achieved do we turn our focus to teaching and learning."

"Lions Quest shaped my approach to teaching and leadership."

Taylor, who completed Lions Quest training as a young teacher, explained, "Lions Quest was life-altering. It shaped my whole approach to teaching and school leadership. I've been at MIS 10 years and am proud to see the ongoing positive transformation of both students and teachers. We once had high truancy, armed guards, and the need for teachers to be in pairs, always. SEL has helped so many of our students build positive relationships and better navigate school and life. MIS is now an exciting and positive learning community."

# Youth



# For the Children

During what should be a carefree time of life, many New Zealand youth face daunting challenges, manifesting in stark realities like these:

**#1**

New Zealand has the highest suicide rate in the developed world<sup>2</sup>

**60%**

of 4th graders report being bullied at least monthly<sup>3</sup>



**>20%**

of 15-19-year-olds have consumed 60 grams+ of pure alcohol in the past 30 days

*making them heavy episodic drinkers<sup>4</sup>*

**THAT'S NEW ZEALAND. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:**



**1 in 3 students**

reports being **cyberbullied**; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence<sup>5</sup>

**2 in 3 students**

in 160 countries **worry about violence** in and around schools<sup>6</sup>



**Reading scores and bullying** are directly correlated<sup>7</sup>



Schools with **positive school climate practices** like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying<sup>8</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

[lCIF.org/youth](https://lCIF.org/youth)

## Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety<sup>9</sup>. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

**LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS**  
develop/expand the program

**UP TO US\$150,000**

**LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**  
launch/reactivate the program

**UP TO US\$15,000**

**LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS**  
introduce the program to a community

**UP TO US\$1,500**

**DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**  
apply to local district and club projects

**GRANT AMOUNT VARIES**

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