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Grand Opening of Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie PCYC: A New Era of Youth Engagement

PCYC NSW and the NSW Department of Education are thrilled to announce the official launch of Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie PCYC. This will be the first PCYC club co-located with a school, Hastings Secondary College, and signals a new era of collaboration between PCYC and the NSW Department of Education to enhance youth outcomes.

Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie PCYC boasts state-of-the-art facilities designed to cater to a wide range of interests and ages. From gymnastics to indoor sports competitions to gym and fitness facilities, school holiday programs, and safer driver courses, there is something to suit all interests and needs. The Club has been opened for just over one month and already has seen high community interest in pickleball, boxing and futsal.

"We are delighted to formally open the doors of Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie PCYC, providing a safe space where youth can thrive, learn, and engage in meaningful activities that enhance their wellbeing and develop character," said Ben Hobby, Chief Executive Officer of PCYC NSW. "This club represents our continuing commitment to fostering community connections and empowering young people to reach their full potential."

Geoff Duck, College Deputy Principal said "The new Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie PCYC provides a fantastic facility, enabling talented students to meet their sporting aspirations while increasing sport and recreational opportunities for the entire college. Working alongside PCYC creates an incredible opportunity to enhance positive community connections and the benefits we know come from this. We are very proud to be part of this lighthouse model".

Key partnerships, such as those with Hastings Secondary College and The Westport Group, have been instrumental in securing grant funding for essential resources, including a minibus and funding for youth programs. Community consultation was critical to the design and development of the facility, with numerous workshops and insight sessions held with cross sections of Port Macquarie organisations, businesses, and residents.

The PCYC NSW and the NSW Department of Education are grateful for the community input received so far and look forward to the bright future this new local hive of activity will bring to the people of Port Macquarie and the surrounding region.

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PCYC NSW is a charity delivering a broad range of youth and community activities and programs. Our belief in people channels their energy, creates positive change, and builds healthy habits. With 66 clubs across the state, PCYC provides a safe and engaging environment helping each generation find a positive pathway forward. To learn more about PCYC NSW, visit www.pcycnsw.org.au.



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