



## *Canine Comprehension School Programs*

### *Current Programs*

- **Communication on the Inside and Out**
  - A focus on increasing happiness and reducing anxiety at school. For students to be aware of verbal and nonverbal communication including tone of voice, body language, gestures, face to face conversations etc. How internal self-talk affects how we feel and our relationships with others.
- **Friendship and Responsibility**
  - Helping young people become responsible for their actions needs to be taught explicitly. It's a life skill of choosing to take action and doing it! This program explores the fact that a dog is a living, breathing creature, just like them, and that it has the same kinds of physical and emotional needs. Caring for a dog creates a sense of empathy and a respect for life. It teaches commitment and consistency, and it builds self-confidence.
- **What we have lost**
  - An increasing number of young people are experiencing serious grief through loss of parents or close friends/family. This is a safe space to talk about loss. By including our dogs when discussing such issues our bodies produce health inducing hormones such as oxytocin, dopamine and endorphins. Our therapy dogs provide a purely nonjudgmental space for young people to explore their loss in a non judgemental setting.
- **Transition**
  - Designed to work with students who struggle with change, making friendships and school work, this program combines all the positive elements our other Animal Assisted Education programs as well as giving a solid foundation to start the new school year.
- **Canine Comprehension Club**
  - This is an opportunity for our schools/residential care units and tutors to be a little more flexible in their approach to helping your students. We will use our therapy dogs in ways that will help them settle, give them a break from the classroom and put a smile back on their faces.





## **Investment schedule**

Effective from 1st July 2017

**School Program Investment - Based on a total of 8 students per 8 week program, including gst.**

Program investment	Investment
Communication on the Inside and out	\$2420
Friendship & Responsibility	\$2420
What we have Lost	\$2420
Transition Program	\$2420

### **Breakdown of investment, including gst**

8 week program	Investment
Per student per week	\$37.40
Per Student	\$302.50
Total upfront cost	\$2420

### **Canine Comprehension Club, including gst**

Canine Comprehension Club (weekly) **as a supplement to program only	\$165
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