Kimberley Kids in the Kitchen Youth Art Exhibition 2024

## Dear Principal / Art Teacher,

KIMBERLEY KIDS IN THE

KITCHEN

I hope this letter finds you well. In the heart of Kununurra, Western Australia, a vibrant and transformative initiative is taking root—the Kimberley Kids in the Kitchen Program (KKIK). Set to relaunch in 2024, KKIK transcends being merely a cooking competition; it serves as a gateway to opportunities for the youth of our region. As part of this expansive initiative, we are thrilled to introduce the inaugural KKIK Youth Art Exhibition, and we invite your school to participate in this exciting venture.

KKIK is not just about culinary arts; it is a holistic celebration of Kimberley's rich culture and heritage. By incorporating a Youth Art Exhibition, KKIK engages young artists from across the Kimberley region in a creative journey that celebrates their unique talents. This program provides participants with invaluable opportunities to explore various artistic mediums, develop their skills, and create artworks that reflect the vibrant spirit of the Kimberley.

## Key Objectives of the Program:

The program involves collaborations with schools, local communities, and established artists. These partnerships provide young artists with mentorship and guidance, fostering an environment where creativity and skill can flourish.

The program culminates in an exhibition during the Taste of the Kimberley event in August. This exhibition will showcase the diversity and creativity of emerging artists in our region. Selected artworks will also be featured in a recipe book, highlighting the artistic talent of Kimberley's youth and promoting their work to a broader audience.

The initiative encourages intergenerational knowledge sharing, where the wisdom and traditions of older generations are passed down to the youth. This sharing not only empowers the young artists to experiment with their creative expressions but also ensures the preservation of our cultural heritage.

While the immediate goal is to celebrate the talent within the Kimberley, the long-term vision is to expand into a statewide competition with regional winners coming together in Perth. This expansion would shine a spotlight on Kimberley's artistic talents and underscore the program's success and impact.

The Kimberley Kids in the Kitchen Youth Art Program presents a unique opportunity for your students to be part of a transformative initiative that nurtures their artistic talents while celebrating and preserving our cultural heritage. We are confident that this program will inspire your students, offering them a platform to showcase their creativity and gain recognition for their artistic contributions.

We kindly request your support and participation in this program. Your school's involvement would not only benefit your students but also contribute to the vibrant cultural tapestry of the Kimberley region. Together, we can inspire the next generation of artists and leaders, fostering a healthier, more connected future for our community.

For more details on how your school can participate, please feel free to contact us at info@downsouthcreative.com.au or visit <u>https://downsouthcreative.com.au/kimberley-kids-in-the-kitchen/</u>. We look forward to your positive response and to seeing the incredible artistic creations from your students.

For information about the event or to enquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Simone Klose | Mob: 0400216026 | <u>simone@downsouthcreative.com.au</u> | <u>website</u>

Warm regards,

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