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## **Budding Bunbury Artists Colour-In to Show Respect**

The judges of the Choose Respect Colouring-in Competition knew they were going to have a hard task ahead of them when the colourful entries started flooding in from schools and homes around Bunbury. More than 150 entries were received.



The winners: Annalise Garbutt, Danni Dalton and Davana Stevens

After careful consideration the age-category winners were chosen. The winners were:

6 and Under - Davana Stevens, aged six, of Eaton

9 and Under - Danni Dalton, aged seven, from Brunswick Primary in Brunswick

12 and Under – Annalise Jane Garbutt, aged 11, from Carey Park Primary, Bunbury.

The competition was run as part of the Community Launch of Choose Respect in Bunbury last month. Entry forms for the competition were published in the *Bunbury Mail* and were sent out to primary schools in the area that wanted to take part.

“The winners were chosen by the Choose Respect Management Team because they demonstrated the young person’s creativity and interest in Choose Respect,” Choose Respect Bunbury Project Facilitator Sarah-Jane Smith said.

“It was clear that many of the young people who entered had put a lot of time and effort into their entry which was great to see.

“There are definitely many talented, young artists in Bunbury who can create beautiful, colourful work.”

The winners received a double pass to the Grand Cinemas in Bunbury, generously donated by the Cinema Management. Choose Respect would like to thank the Grand Cinemas Bunbury for donating the tickets.

Choose Respect was initially developed in schools to encourage students to treat others with more care and consideration. It offers an alternative to the culture which leads to students seeking revenge or pay-back and can result in a cycle of bullying and violence.

The Choose Respect Code of Behaviour encourages everyone to make a conscious effort to:

- Treat others with Respect, no matter how they treat you.
- Treat yourself with Respect.
- Forgive others who do not treat you with Respect.
- Apologise when you do not treat others with Respect.
- Support others who are not being treated with Respect.
- Ask for Support when others do not treat you with Respect.

Carey Park Primary School started implementing Choose Respect in February 2007. It has been an overwhelming success with students and teachers embracing Choose Respect.

Since introducing Choose Respect Carey Park Primary School has seen a 35% reduction in bullying and a 40% reduction in negative behaviour at the school.

Carey Park Primary School principal Peter Rigden believes Choose Respect has resulted in a positive change in the whole school community.

Bunbury is working to become the first Choose Respect City. Gary Butcher Managing Director of Choose Respect explains:

"A Choose Respect city would be a place where everyone treated each other with care and consideration which would mean there would be less crime and we could all live in a happier, safer and healthier environment.

"Tolerance and understanding would be the norm, not the exception."

For more information on Choose Respect in Bunbury e-mail Sarah-Jane Smith [sarah-jane.smith@chooserespect.com](mailto:sarah-jane.smith@chooserespect.com)

For more information on the creation of Choose Respect visit the website [www.chooserespect.com](http://www.chooserespect.com)

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