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Students strive for Max Potential

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Eleven local students are readying themselves for a year of leadership development and goal achievement following the official start of this year's Club Mudgee Max Potential program on Monday.

Students from Gulgong and Kandos High Schools have combined for the first time with students from St Matthew's Catholic School and Mudgee High School to take part in the program, which connects secondary school students with community leaders for coaching aimed to develop their personal leadership skills.

The program, now in its fifth year, involves 22 weeks of one-on-one coaching throughout the completion of several community projects.

It is traditionally sponsored by Club Mudgee, the Rotary Club of Mudgee, Mid-Western Regional Council and other local organisations in a bid to engage all sectors of the community in developing young future leaders.

Max Potential executive coach and project manager Glenn Coombs said without Club Mudgee's vision for, and investment towards, regional youth leadership development and the support of the council, the program would not be possible.

"I am personally delighted to work alongside such a dedicated group of coaches - 70 per cent of whom are returning coaches - including great support staff from Club Mudgee," he said.

"We have a great group of young adults for 2011 and we are all looking forward to seeing what they will achieve personally and in the lives of people around them."

In the first of many sessions to come, students met on Monday to explore what authentic success is, how Max Potential and having a coach can assist to develop personal leadership and what bodies of knowledge can be accessed to effectively goal-achieve.

Group and one-on-one sessions will continue between Max Potential students and coaches throughout the year, leading to a final showcase of the students' work in August.



SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS: (back, left to right) 2011 Max Potential mentors Carol Cockerill-Wright, Sue Harding, Julian Geddes, Brad Cam, Cathy Leisfield and Scott Fittler will coach students (clockwise from back row of stairs) Chris McColl, Elexas Payne, Sebastian Riley, Alana Drury, Lauren Flack, Hilary Orth, Kimberley Hancock, Stacey Loble, Thomas Howe, Lucy Dean and Bianca Crooks in this year's Ma