

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island

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While on Kangaroo Island recently, Premier Jay Weatherill and Deputy Premier John Rau met with staff and students at Kangaroo Island Community Education (KICE).

During the meeting, a group of students presented a report to the Premier which they had prepared with assistance from the Youth Affairs Council of South Australia (YACSA).

The Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island (OCKI) had recognised the need to gain an understanding of the issues and opportunities facing young people on the Island, so OCKI had engaged YACSA to facilitate this consultation process, with the support of KICE.

The report recommends the development of social spaces for young people on the Island, designed by or with them and easily accessible.

It also suggested implementing best practice training for community groups, organisations and businesses engaging with young people, so that the community can support young people in driving change.

It was further recommended that a channel for communication be developed between young people and decision makers, including the Commissioner, to ensure that they can express their ideas, and voice any concerns and questions.

Commissioner Wendy Campana also attended this meeting, along with Head of Campus Peter Philp, and Jessie Young, KICE's Well-being Coordinator.

The comprehensive report provided an excellent overview of what life is like for young people living on Kangaroo Island and where they seek support.

"We were very impressed by the way the students presented key elements of their report," Wendy Campana said.

"Mr Weatherill asked several questions that were well answered by the students. I think we are in great hands for the future," the Commissioner said.

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Meeting students and staff at KICE, from left: Premier Jay Weatherill, Kelly, Commissioner for Kangaroo Island Wendy Campana, Kristy Houchin (YACSA), Julia, Ayisha, Toby, Johnathon, Samantha, Jessie Young (teacher), Jai, Deputy Premier John Rau, Peter Philp (Head of Campus), with parents, Deb Schwerdt and Susie Niemann.
(Absent: parents Simon & Eloise Wheaton)

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