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### ABORIGINAL TEENS TO STAR IN NEW HIP-HOP MUSIC VIDEO

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers in Koondoola, Girrawheen and Balga will have the chance to make and appear in a new hip-hop music video clip.

The video is part of an innovative youth workshop program run by Australia's leading Indigenous theatre company, Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation,

Workshop coordinator Kylie Farmer said the Respect video project was designed to give local students positive after school activities.

"The aim of the workshop is to expose these young people to activities that their boost self esteem, give them confidence and help them discover their talents and dreams." said Ms Farmer.

Workshop leader, Derek Nannup said the Respect Music Video project builds on a successful series of workshops held in the area last year.

"We've already introduced the kids to a heaps of new skills - everything from clowning and acrobatics, to traditional song and dance, right through to break dancing and hip hop, now they'll have the chance to use all those skills in a music video. " Said Mr. Nannup.

Yirra Yaakin enlisted Scott Griffiths - an MC with the popular Perth group Downside - to help the teenagers write and record a song based around the theme of RESPECT.

The theme fits in with the message Respect Yourself, Respect Your Culture, which Yirra Yaakin promotes in return for Heathway sponsorship.

The students will also be working with an acclaimed Aboriginal film director from Murdoch University's Kulbardi Production Unit to create a broadcast quality music clip to go with their song.

The Federal Government is funding the Respect Video Project through the Indigenous Coordination Centre.

The workshops are being held at the Hainsworth Centre, Hainsworth Ave  
Girrawheen every Wednesday between 4pm - 5pm - August 22 - October 10, 2007.

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