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Small grants to make a big health impact in schools

Fifty-five schools from across the State have shared more than \$217,000 in Healthway funding to implement projects that will increase the health and wellbeing of their students and the school community.

Grants of up to \$5,000 were made available to schools through Healthway's Healthy Schools Program.

Pinjarra Senior High School received \$5,000 to implement a whole school vaping education program, extending the Department of Education's *Do You Know What You're Vaping* resources.

Pinjarra Senior High School P&C Association President Sharon Gangell said they are looking forward to using Healthway funding to further educate and support students, teachers, and the wider school community about the harmful effects of vaping.

"Our school is a safe environment where we want to make sure students are supported, with caring staff who want the best for their health and wellbeing," she said.

Lotterywest and Healthway CEO Ralph Addis said that this year funding was prioritised to support vaping and healthy eating projects.

"This was in response to the growing concern about the rising trends in use and harmful effects of vaping across WA and the continued importance of promoting healthy eating behaviours throughout childhood and adolescence," he said.

"The grants will empower schools to implement positive and innovative health strategies to improve the health of the whole school community.

"Congratulations to Pinjarra Senior High School and all the schools that have received funding."

Healthway's Healthy Schools Program supports schools to develop projects that promote the health of students through activities aligned with the Health Promoting Schools Framework. Since the program launched last year, more than \$517,000 has been shared among 133 schools.

For more information about the Healthy Schools Program and the list of successful schools and their funded projects visit www.healthway.wa.gov.au.

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