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Students get a GRIP on leadership in a case of YOLO

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Students from local high schools got together to learn more about leadership skills, including Reece Baker, Lee Stafford (teacher), Guy Leckenby, Nathan Spinks and Jarrod Chakos from Coffs Harbour High School.

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IT WAS a training session for the leaders of the future.

Actually, most of the high school students who attended yesterday's GRIP Student Leadership Conference are already leaders, with many attendees present members of their school's Student Representative Council.

The interactive day of workshops covered topics including the values of leadership, running successful events, creating school culture, developing others, public speaking and technology in leadership.

Coffs Harbour High School saw six members of its SRC attend.

"We've done some icebreaker activities this morning to get all the schools involved with each other," CHHS student Reece Baker said.

According to the students, joining the SRC - and attending the conference - was a chance to make a difference at their school.

"I'm coming to the end of school and I didn't want to miss out on the opportunity - it was a case of YOLO," CHHS student Nathan Spinks said, using the popular Twitter acronym for 'you only live once'.

For some students, the day was all about learning how to better work as a team.

"It's a great bonding experience," CHHS student Natalie Dierick said.

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