

Student leaders make an impact

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PRIMARY school representative's badges were proudly pinned to the uniforms of students from 20 schools across the region that took part in a leadership conference at the Dubbo RSL on May 7.

Schools from Dubbo, Gulgong, Forbes, Narromine, Parkes, Peak Hill, Marra Creek, Warren and Tullamore travelled to take part in the 2012 Impact Student Leadership Conference (ISLC) for primary school students.

It was the first time the conference had come to Dubbo.

Impact Leadership is an independent not-for-profit organisation that trains and develops school students in the area of leadership.

Students completed booklet activities and exercises which focused on leadership principles, leading with integrity, meeting the needs of a school and how to motivate others.

Ally-Mae Morrison from Dubbo Public School Representative Council (SRC) said the conference had helped her learn the qualities of a school leader.

"We have learnt how to become better leaders," she said.

Her friend and fellow Dubbo Public SRC member Joanna Camp agreed.

"It gives you a good idea of what to do in a leadership role," she said.

Both girls attended the conference with a group of about 30 from Dubbo Public School.

Impact Leadership staff member and presenter Ronan McGuinness said most schools brought about 10 students to the conference, mostly in Year 6.

As a presenter Mr McGuinness said staff understood the position of the student representatives.

"The presenters all used to be school leaders, that's what we have in common with the students," he said.

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