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1.0 BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Child Health Promotion Research Centre (CHPRC) comprises a multi-disciplinary research team that is regionally, nationally and internationally recognised for its highly applied school and community based research in the areas of:

- Bullying and aggression prevention and mental health promotion;
- Drug use control;
- Road safety and injury control; and
- Promotion of healthy weight.

Housed within the School of Exercise, Biomedical and Health Sciences, in the Faculty of Computing, Health and Science at Edith Cowan University (ECU), the Child Health Promotion Research Centre is a formally designated Level II University Research Centre, whose aim is to further the University's interests in research and postgraduate training.

1.1 Strategic Focus

The aim of the CHPRC is to improve the physical, emotional, social and mental health and wellbeing of children and adolescents and their families.

1.2 Strategic Priorities

To achieve this, the CHPRC aims to:

- *Conduct innovative high quality, applied research* in areas of national priority for children and young people's health.
- *Foster collaborative links with industry, professions, government agencies and the community*, by providing a supportive and stimulating learning environment to strengthen the capacity of parents, teachers, primary health care providers, community workers, and other key stakeholder groups, with the aim of embedding research findings into sustainable policy and practice.
- *Provide high quality mentorship and training* by creating a supportive and stimulating learning culture for undergraduate, postgraduate and other team members, thereby building organisational sustainability, attracting and retaining staff, and strengthening leadership capacity.

1.3 History and Profile

The Child Health Promotion Research Unit (CHPRU) was established at ECU in 2004. The CHPRU was created under the direction of Professor Donna Cross along with eight staff members who had previously made a significant contribution to the Western Australian Centre for Health Promotion Research (WACHPR) at Curtin University. During their first two years (2004 - 2005), the CHPRU's staff successfully won a further 13 grants together worth \$1,902,639, which by 2006 resulted in grants totalling \$2,859,405. Based on their growing success, towards the end of 2006, the CHPRU successfully applied to be upgraded to a Level II Research Centre, renamed the Child Health Promotion Research Centre (CHPRC).

Staff at the CHPRC have successfully completed over \$8 million in health promotion research projects, and have received numerous awards including: Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) National Honour Award for scholarly achievements and leadership in children's health research; Injury Control Council of WA (ICCWA) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Injury Prevention; Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation (Healthway) Best Practice in Health Promotion Research Award; Rotary Australia Building Resiliency in Children Award; and Mental

Health Good Outcomes Award for work in bullying prevention (Mental Health Research and Education Award, Mental Health Commission of WA).

In 2010, the CHPRC's multi-disciplinary team comprised approximately 40 full-time and part-time child health promotion research and support staff. In addition to conducting research, the Centre aims to strengthen the capacity of early career researchers and others working in the field of child health promotion research. Staff at the CHPRC have supervised to completion two post-doctoral students, eleven PhD students, 20 Masters students, and four Honours students. In 2010 there were nine higher degree completions by students supervised by CHPRC staff. Over 400 post-graduate/undergraduate students have also gained valuable experience as part of the formally accredited student volunteer program developed by the CHPRC. Furthermore, CHPRC staff have contributed frequently to research related training conducted in WA, elsewhere in Australia, and internationally.

In accordance with the University requirements for a Level II Centre, in November 2010 the CHPRC underwent a six year Centre Review (2004 – 2009). A report was prepared and all CHPRC staff and Higher Degree students met with an expert review panel to discuss the structure and operations of the centre, the achievements during this period of time, and the opportunities and challenges faced by the Centre.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

The CHPRC is led by a Director who is supported by an Executive Committee. Up to 40 research staff are also employed at any one time, depending on research requirements. Key staff members in 2010 included:

Acting Director: Associate Professor Marg Hall

Scientific Director: Professor Donna Cross

Executive Committee: Professor Donna Cross
Associate Professor Marg Hall
Tommy Cordin

Research Staff:	Ashley Adair	Narelle Alderman
	Elizabeth Alderman	Emily Allen-Rose
	Sharyn Burns	Amy Barnes
	Sharon Bell	Dr Debora Brown
	Kaashifah Bruce	Patricia Cardoso
	Samuel Cecins	Elise de Gruchy
	Dr Julian Dooley	Melanie Epstein
	Erin Erceg	Sarah Falconer
	Anna Fletcher	Kate Hadwen
	Dr Lydia Hearn	Dr Robyn Johnston
	Leanne Lester	Nicole McDonald
	Diana McGrath	Michelle McIntosh
	Margaret Miller	Meg McHugh
	Daniela Miloskeski	Helen Monks
	Dionne Paki	Natasha Pearce
	Mitch Read	Cailyn Rogers
	Therese Shaw	Laura Thomas
	Shane Thompson	Jenny Tartaglia
	Jacinth Watson	Elizabeth Wenden
	Amy Barnes	Elise De Gruchy
Marnie House	Sharon Middleton	
Yolanda Andrews		

Adjunct Staff: Dr Sharyn Burns (Curtin University of Technology, WA)
Dr Greg Hamilton (Canterbury Public Health Board, NZ)
Dr Kevin Runions (Curtin University of Technology, WA)

Advisory Board Members: Prof Murray Lampard (Chair), David Ansell, Mark Crake, Assoc/Prof Barry Gibson, Wayne Gregson, Cheryl Gwilliam, Jeanette Hasleby, Andrew Marshall, Terry Murphy, Rob Nairn, Neil Stanbury.

3.0 NEW & CURRENT GRANTS

During 2010, CHPRC's staff worked on a total of 10 new grants, 13 currently held grants, and three infrastructure grants. (Further details can be found on the CHPRC website <http://chprc.ecu.edu.au>.) The list of grants outlined below indicates the total funds allocated to each grant over the course of the research and includes infrastructure support.

3.1 Bullying prevention and mental health promotion

Since 2004, researchers at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre have secured over \$5 million for bullying and aggression prevention research, encompassing 32 projects. CHPRC staff received five new research grants in this area in 2010 and conducted seven currently held grants.

New grants in 2010

- **Brown, D.**, Coffin, J., **Paki, D.**, Henley, N., & **Hearn, L.** (2011– 2013). SKSS Bullying Prevention Project Extension: Formative Social Marketing Campaign. *Healthway*, \$450,000
- **Dooley, J.** (2010). Forms of cyber bullying scale: development and standardisation. *Edith Cowan University*, \$24,242.
- **Dooley, J., Cross, D., Waters, S. & Thomas, L.** (2010). Evaluation of Cybersmart Detectives game. *Australian Communications and Media Authority*, \$140,832.
- **Dooley, J.**, Masek, M., **Cross, D.**, Hingston, P. & **Brown, D.** (2010-2011). Promoting youth mental health using gaming technology: A RCT study. *Healthway*, \$29,072.
- **Hadwen, K.**, Gould, V., Foulker-Taylor, E., **Adair, A.**, Stokes, R. & Shaw, A. (2010-2011). Relational aggression in boarding schools – A formative study. *Healthway*, \$29,737.

Currently held grants

- **Cross, D.**, Hasleby, J., Johnston, J., Nairn, R., **Dooley, J., Hearn, L., Burns, S. & Pearce, N.** (2010-2014). Building school capacity to reduce social aggression among students. *Healthway*, \$691,911.
- **Cross, D.**, Roberts, C., Slee, P. & **Dooley, J.** (2010-2012). An empirical trial to reduce cyber-bullying in adolescents. *Healthway*, \$358,382.
- **Cross, D., Epstein, M., Hearn, L. & Waters, S.** (2008-2010). Development of parent education resource materials to reduce cyber bullying. *Telstra Foundation*, \$340,064.
- **Lester, L.** (2010-2012). The relationship between mental health outcomes and bullying trajectories of students transitioning from primary school to high school. *Healthway PhD Scholarship*, \$106,371.

- **Monks, H.** (2009-2010). Investigating the interpersonal and contextual mediators associated with secondary school students' behaviour as bystanders in bullying interactions, and how these differ according to gender. *Healthway Postgraduate Research Scholarship*, \$26,264.
- **Read, M.** (2009-2010). The prevalence, nature and impact of cyber bullying behaviours in Western Australia. *Healthway Postgraduate Research Scholarship*, \$53,826.
- **Waters, S., Cross, D. & Dooley, J.** (2009-2010). Evaluation of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation's national pilot of the Cybersafety and Wellbeing School Initiative. *Alannah and Madeline Foundation*, \$296,972.

3.2 Drug use prevention, cessation, and harm minimization

Since 2004, researchers at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre have secured \$1.5 million for drug use control research. During 2010, staff worked on two currently held research grants in this area.

Currently held grants

- **Hall, M., Stephens, F., Johnston, R. & Faletti, B.** (2008-2010). Strengthening pastoral care to reduce secondary students' harm from tobacco. *Healthway*, \$441,398.
- **Cross, D., Hall, M., Shaw, T., Hamilton, G., Waters, S., O'Ferrall, I., Kristjanson, L., Hearn, L., Garton, A. & Saunders, R.** (2006-2010). Optimising School Nurse Involvement in Youth-Based Tobacco Control Programs. *Healthway*, \$325,000.

3.3 Road safety and injury control

Since 2004, researchers at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre have secured over \$1 million for injury control research. In 2010, staff worked on one new grant and an additional two currently held grants in this area.

New grants in 2010

- **Hall, M., Cross, D. & Shaw, T.** (2010). Evaluation of the Implementation of Kids on the Move. *Victorian Transport Accident Commission*, \$59,532.

Currently held grants

- **Hall, M., Cross, D. & Shaw, T.** (2009-2010). Evaluation of the effectiveness of the pedestrian education programs delivered by Vic Roads and the TAC. *VicRoads and the Transport Accident Commission (TAC)*, \$79,350.
- **Cross, D., Hall, M., Waters, S. Shaw, T. & House, J.** (2004-2011). Evaluation of the Road Aware Project: Road Aware Parents and Road Aware Kids Programs and the Child Car Restraints Project. *Department of Premier and Cabinet*, \$325,390.

3.4 Promotion of healthy weight in young children

Since 2004, researchers at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre have secured \$948,942 for obesity prevention research. In 2010, staff were awarded two new grants and worked on one currently held grant in this area.

New grants in 2010

- **Hearn, L. & Miller, M.** (2010). Development and rural pilot of a peri-natal healthy lifestyle web-based support network for parents and providers. *Department of Health*, \$29,936.

- **Hearn, L.** (2010). Faculty Visiting Fellowship to bring Dr. Karen Campbell, Senior Research Fellow (Public Health), Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition Research (C-PAN) at Deakin University, to present on preventing early childhood obesity. *Edith Cowan University*, \$4006.

Currently held grant

- **Hearn, L., Miller, M., Cross, D.** & Gowrea, A. (2009-2011). Preventing early childhood obesity: translating evidence into practice *Healthway*, \$324,835.

3.5 Other grants

Since 2004, researchers at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre have secured \$415,716 for other child health promotion research, including internal support as well as support for infrastructure. In 2010, the team received three new infrastructure grants.

New grants in 2010

- **Hearn, L., Waters, S., Cross, D., Dooley, J.,** Martins, R. Laws, S., Taddei, K. & Versile, G. (2010). *ECU Research and Infrastructure Block Grant (RIBG)*, \$97,729.
- **Cross, D.** (2010). Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF) – Round 13. *Department of Health Western Australia*, \$36,738.
- **Hall, M.** (2010). Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF) – Round 13. *Department of Health Western Australia*, \$12,272.

3.6 Collaborative grants

Staff at the Child Health Promotion Research Centre are chief investigators in collaboration with researchers from other institutions on two research grants awarded in 2010 and one currently held grant.

New grants in 2010

- Beauchamp, M., & **Dooley, J.** (2010-2011) Moral reasoning after traumatic brain injury. Canadian Research Council, \$50,000.
- Anderson, V., Beauchamp, M., **Dooley, J.,** Eslinger, P., & de Castro, B. O. (2010-2013) Sociomoral reasoning in adolescents with traumatic brain injury. Victorian Neurotrauma Initiative, \$271,718.

Currently held grant

- Donovan, R., **Cross, D.** et al (2009-2011). Do perceptions of morality of alcohol, tobacco & cannabis use influence uptake in high school students? *ARC Linkage Project Grant*, \$377,541.

4.0 PUBLICATIONS

4.1 Book Chapters

Beauchamp, M., **Dooley, J.J.,** & Anderson, V.A. (2010). Adult outcomes of childhood traumatic brain injury (pp. 315-328). In Donders, J., & Hunter, S. (Eds) *Principles and Practice of Lifespan Developmental Neuropsychology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Cross, D., Shaw, T., Dooley, J.J., Epstein, M., Hearn, L., & Monks, H. (in press). Cyberbullying in Australia: Is school context related to cyberbullying behaviour? In Li, Q., Cross, D., & Smith, P. (Eds.) *Bullying goes to the cyber playground: Research on cyberbullying from an international perspective*.

4.2 Peer reviewed publications

Journal Articles

Adams, M., Fredericks, B., Faulkner, S., Meiklejohn, B., Wilkes, T., Roe, Y., **Paki, D.**, Stearne, A. & Banks, J.R. (2010). The 4th International Network of Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development Conference. *Aboriginal & Islander Health Worker Journal* 34(5), 31-32.

Beauchamp, M.H., **Dooley, J.** & Anderson, V. (in press, invited). The Brain and the Law: Rehabilitation methods for reducing at-risk social behaviour in brain injured youth. *Developmental Neurorehabilitation*.

Burns, S., Cross, D. & Maycock, B. (2010). "That could be me squishing chips on someone's car." How friends can positively influence bullying behaviours. *Journal of Primary Prevention*, 31(4), 209-222.

Cross, D., Monks, H., Hall, M., Shaw, T., Pintabona, Y., **Erceg, E.**, Hamilton, G., Roberts, C., **Waters, S. & Lester, L.** (2010). Three year results of the Friendly Schools whole-of-school intervention on children's bullying behaviour. *British Educational Research Journal*. 24 February 2010 (iFirst).

Dooley, J. J. (invited, accepted April 2010). *Cyber-bullying: Practical solutions for schools. A review of Confronting cyber-bullying: What schools need to know to control misconduct and avoid legal consequences by Shaheen Shariff*. *Journal of CyberTherapy and Rehabilitation*.

Dooley, J.J. (2010). Is the Internet bad for you? Invited editorial. *Medical Forum*, Western Australia.

Dooley, J.J., Gradinger, P., **Cross, D.,** Stohmeier, D. & Spiel, C. (invited, under review). Cyber-victimisation: The association between help seeking and mental health symptoms in adolescents from Australia and Austria. *Australian Journal of Guidance and Counselling, Special Issue on Cyber-bullying*.

Dooley, J.J., Beauchamp, M., Anderson, V.A. (2010). The measurement of sociomoral reasoning in adolescents with traumatic brain injury. *Brain Impairment*, 11(2), 152-161.

Dooley, J.J., Wilson, J.P. & Anderson, V.A. (2010). Stress and depression of facing death: Investigation of psychological symptoms in patients with mesothelioma. *Australian Journal of Psychology*, 62(3), 160–168.

Pearce, N., Cross, D., Monks, H., Waters, S., Erceg, E. & Falconer, S. (accepted 2010 for publication in 2011). Evidence to Practice: Whole-school indicators to reduce bullying including cyber bullying. *Journal of Guidance and Counselling*.

Roberts, C., Kane, R., Bishop, B., **Cross, D.,** Fenton, J. & Hart, B. (2010). The prevention of anxiety and depression in children from disadvantaged schools. *Journal of Behaviour Research and Therapy* 48, 68-73.

Waters, S. & Cross, D. (2010). Measuring students' connectedness to school, teachers, and family: Validation of three scales. *School Psychology Quarterly*, 25(3), 164-167.

Waters, S., Cross, D. & Shaw, T. (2010). "Does the nature of schools matter? An exploration of selected school ecology factors on adolescent perceptions of school connectedness". *British Journal of Educational Psychology*, 80(3), 381-402.

Waters, S., Cross, D. & Shaw, T. (2010). *How important are school and interpersonal student characteristics in determining later adolescent school connectedness, by school sector?* *Australian Journal of Education*, 54(2), 223-243.

4.3 Major Reports

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *Cyber Friendly Schools Project: Strengthening School and families' Capacity to Reduce the Academic, Social, and Emotional Harms Secondary Students' Experience from Cyber Bullying*. Final Report to Public Education Endowment Trust. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *An empirical intervention to reduce cyber bullying in adolescents*. Annual Report to Healthway. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *Building school capacity to reduce social aggression among students: translating research into policy and practice*. Annual Report to Healthway. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *The Prevalence, Nature and Impact of Cyber Bullying Behaviours in Western Australia*. Annual Report to Healthway. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *Preventing Early Childhood Obesity: Translating Evidence into Practice*. Mid-Year Report to Healthway. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *Preventing Early Childhood Obesity: Translating Evidence into Practice*. Annual Report to Healthway. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *Strengthening pastoral care to reduce secondary students' harm from tobacco*. Annual report to Healthway. Perth, Western Australia: ECU, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

Child Health Promotion Research Centre (2010). *Evaluation of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's National Pilot of the Cyber safety and Wellbeing Schools Initiative*. Perth, Western Australia: Edith Cowan University, Child Health Promotion Research Centre.

4.4 Selected Conference Papers and Presentations

International

Beauchamp, M., **Dooley, J.**, Anderson, V.A. (2010). Socio-moral reasoning after frontal lobe damage: A study of paediatric traumatic brain injury. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*. Conference Abstract: The 20th Annual Rotman Research Institute Conference, The Frontal Lobes, Toronto. doi: 10.3389/conf.fnins.2010.14.00048

Cross, D. (2010). Cyber-bullying. Oral presentation. *Bully Free Forum*. 17 July: Singapore.

Cross, D. (2010). The always-on-generation: risk and benefits of new technologies. Co-presenter. *COSTIS0801 International Conference: 21- 22 October 2010*: University of Florence.

Paki, D. (2010). Symposium presentation and dissemination of Solid Kids, Solid Schools project findings and resources – www.solidkids.net.au. *International Network Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development: 27 May 2010*: Poulsbo, Washington, USA.

National

Cardoso, P. (2010). Enhancing the approachability of school based health services in supporting adolescents who may use tobacco and other harmful drugs. Oral Presentation. Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Council of Tasmania (ATDC) 2010: Reducing harm across the lifespan. 18-20 October 2010: Hobart, Tasmania.

Cross, D. (2010). Same Dog, Different Fleas. Keynote presentation. *National Centre Against Bullying Conference*, 10 April 2010: Melbourne, Victoria.

Dooley, J.J. (2010). Cyber-bullying: Same dog different fleas. *Keynote address to the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools Conference*, June 2010: Sydney, Australia.

Dooley, J.J. (2010). Healthy schools: Reducing bullying in schools. *Invited workshop at the Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools Conference*, June 2010: Sydney, Australia.

Dooley, J.J. (2010). How to keep children safe online. *Keynote address to the 2010 Youth Mental Health Forum*. May 2010: Brisbane, Australia.

Dooley, J.J. (2010). Student behaviour in the 21st century: The role of technology. *Keynote address to the Association of Independent Schools Information Technology Conference*, May 2010: Hunter Valley, Australia.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Are parents lost in cyber space? Poster presentation. *National Centre Against Bullying Conference*, 9-11 April 2010: Melbourne, Victoria.

Hadwen, K. (2010). So what, who cares, they'll never know. Poster presentation. *National Girls' Education Conference*, 17-19 June 2010: Melbourne, Victoria.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Cyber Bullying: Research Trends and How to Respond. *Rouse Hill District Conference for Primary and Secondary Schools (Primary and High School Staff)*. 27 July 2010: Sydney, NSW.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Cyber Bullying Trends and What Parents Should Do. *Rouse Hill District Conference for Primary and Secondary Schools*. 27 July 2010: Sydney, NSW.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Concepts of Bullying: How to Assist Students. *Rouse Hill District Conference for Primary and Secondary Schools*. 27 July 2010: Sydney, NSW.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Embedding Ideas into Classroom Practice. *Rouse Hill District Conference for Primary and Secondary Schools*. 27 July 2010: Sydney, NSW.

Hall, M. (2010). Principles of best practice in school road safety education. *Keynote presentation. Victorian Traffic Safety Education Conference*. 21 May 2010: Melbourne, Victoria.

Hearn, L. & Miller, M. (2010). SCOPE: Starting Childhood Obesity Prevention Earlier. Developing a perinatal healthy lifestyle web-based support network for parents and providers. Poster Presentation. Australian New Zealand Obesity Scientific (ANZOS) Annual Scientific Conference, 21-23 October 2010: Sydney, NSW.

Paki, D. (2010). Solid Kids, Solid Schools workshop presentation and dissemination of project findings and resource – www.solidkids.net.au. *National Centre Against Bullying Conference*, 10 April 2010: Melbourne, Victoria.

Thomas, L. (2010). Can participating in school-based extra-curricular activities protect secondary students against cigarette use? Oral Presentation. Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Council of Tasmania (ATDC) 2010: Reducing harm across the lifespan. 18-20 October 2010: Hobart, Tasmania.

Thomas, L. & Waters, S. (2010). Support from friends and the role of the school in developing students' sense of connectedness. *National Centre Against Bullying Conference*, 8-10 April 2010: Melbourne, Victoria.

Local

Cross, D. (2010). ECU Keynote presentation. Golden Key Society. 12 October 2010: Perth, WA.

Cross, D. (2010). Nothing about us without us – student engagement in cyber-bullying prevention. *Positive Schools 2010: Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference*, 21 May 2010: The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia.

Dooley, J. (2010). Is the Internet bad for you? The impact of technology use on mental health. Invited lecture to *Healthway Health Promotion Research Seminar*. July 2010: Perth, Australia.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Cyber bullying and the law. Keynote presentation, *West Australian District High School's Principal's Conference*, 2 June 2010: Perth, Western Australia.

Hadwen, K. (2010). Cyber-bullying. *School Psychologists' Association WA Conference*. 24 September 2010: Perth, WA.

Hall, M. (2010). ECU Research Week. Panel of Postgraduate employees. 20th August 2010: ECU, Joondalup, WA.

Hearn, L. (2010). SCOPE: Starting Childhood Obesity Prevention Earlier. Developing a perinatal healthy lifestyle web-based support network for parents and providers. Poster Presentation. Women's and Newborns' Healthway Network. 26 November 2010: King Edward Memorial Hospital, Perth, WA.

Miller, M. & Hearn, L. (2010). Early Prevention of Childhood Obesity: Promising Approaches. Presentation at Let's Get Moving and Cooking: A Nutrition and Physical Activity Workshop Conference, 19 April 2010: Wollaston Conference Centre, Western Australia.

Monks, H. (2010). Investigating the individual, interpersonal and contextual variables associated with secondary school students' behaviour as bystanders in bullying interactions, and how these may differ according to gender. Oral presentation. Health Promoting Schools Conference: 'Connected Schools, Connected Communities', 8 October 2010: Perth, WA.

Paki, D. & Hall, M. (2010). How Mid West Education District primary school principal's reports about their bullying prevention strategies demonstrates the Health Promoting Schools Domains when working with Yamaji students. Oral presentation. Australian Health Promoting Schools Association. 7-8 October: Perth, WA.

Pearce, N. (2010). Building school capacity to engage parents in bullying prevention interventions. Oral presentation. Australian Health Promoting Schools Conference, 6-7 October 2010: Perth, WA.

Waters, S. (2010). Creating secure connections and securing existing ones. Oral Presentation. Australian Health Promoting Schools Conference: 'Connected Schools, Connected Communities', 8 October 2010: Perth, WA.

5.0 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH LOAD

Staff from CHPRC supervised 15 higher degree students during 2010:

PhD Students:

- Juli Coffin (Healthway Scholarship)
- Leanne Lester (Healthway Scholarship)
- Marg Miller
- Natasha Pearce (Healthway Scholarship)
- Laura Thomas (Healthway Scholarship)
- Stacey Waters (Healthway Scholarship)
- Jacinth Watson (Australian Postgraduate Award & ECU Excellence Award)

Masters by Research Students:

- Sarah Baxendale
- Laura Bond (Healthway Scholarship)
- Kaashifah Bruce (Healthway Scholarship)
- Patricia Cardoso (Healthway Scholarship)
- Sarah Falconer (Healthway Scholarship)
- Helen Monks (Healthway Scholarship)
- Dionne Paki (Healthway Scholarship)
- Mitch Read (Healthway Scholarship)

6.0 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH COMPLETION

During 2010 there were nine higher degree completions by students supervised at CHPRC:

PhD Completions:

- Natasha Pearce
- Laura Thomas
- Stacey Waters

Masters by Research Completions:

- Sarah Baxendale
- Laura Bond
- Patricia Cardoso
- Sarah Falconer
- Helen Monks
- Dionne Paki

7.0 VISITORS AND COLLABORATIONS

7.1 Visiting Fellows

During April 2010, the CHPRC welcomed four visiting fellows:

- Professor Michel Boivin (Professor of Psychology and Research Chair on Child Social Development at the School of Psychology, Laval University, Quebec, Canada)
- Thomas Jager (Centre for Educational Research, University of Kolenz-Landau, Germany)
- Petra Gradinger (Faculty of Psychology, University of Vienna, Austria)
- Dr Karen Campbell (Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition Research, Deakin University)

These scholars shared their research findings and expertise, and provided advice in relation to the CHPRC's current and future research projects. Professor Boivin also presented a public research seminar at ECU: School readiness and the early trajectories of school achievement.

7.2 Collaborations

Collaborations play an important role in all our key areas of work.

In the area of **Bullying and Childhood Aggression**, key collaborators in 2010 included: Healthway; the Australian Council for Educational Research; WA Department of Education and Training; Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR); Australian National Coalition Against Bullying; Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE); Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA); WA Primary Principals Association; WA Secondary School Executive Association; Catholic Education Office WA; Association of Independent Schools of WA; Curriculum Council of WA; Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Parents & Friends Federation of WA; Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health; Telethon Institute for Child Health Research; Australian Alliance for Children and Youth; Public Education Endowment Trust; Alannah and Madeline Foundation; Telstra Foundation; Centre for Strategic Education; WA Police; Flinders University; Queensland University of Technology; University of South Australia; COST European Union; CORE-NET; PREVNet; the Research Unit on Children's Psychosocial Maladjustment, University of Montreal, Canada; Goldsmiths College, London; University, Calgary; Childnet, United Kingdom; University of Turku, Finland; and Kobe University Japan.

In the area of **Drug Use Control**, key collaborators in 2010 included: WA Department of Education and Training; WA Department of Health; the National Heart Foundation (Smarter than Smoking); the Cancer Council; Healthway; Next Step; WA Division of Paediatrics; Department of Respiratory Medicine at Princess Margaret Hospital; Australian Health Promotion Professionals; Australian Council for Physical Health, Education and Recreation; School Health Coalition; Catholic Education Office; Association of Independent Schools; the Drug and Alcohol Office; University of WA; Curtin University; SA Department of Health; Tasmanian Department of Education; Medical Research Council of South Africa; Australian Council on Smoking and Health (ACOSH); US National Institutes of Health (NIH); US Fogarty International Institute.

Road Safety and Injury Control key collaborators in 2010 included: WA Department of Education; School Drug Education and Road Aware Project; WA Department of Health; Office of Road Safety; Road Safety Council of WA; Injury Control Council of WA; Kidsafe; VICRoads; Traffic Accident Commission, Victoria.

In the area of the **Promotion of Healthy Weight**, key collaborators in 2010 included: Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI/ANU); Australian Department of Health and Ageing; WA Department of Health; WA Department for Communities; Child

and Community Health; Women's and Newborns' Health Network; WA Child Health Nurses, WA, Country Health Services; Ngala; Meerilinga; King Edward Memorial Hospital; Cancer Council; Heart Foundation; WAGP Network; BLOOM; WA Dental Health Services; Diabetes WA; PlayGroup WA; Tropical Public Health Unit of Queensland's Active-Ate Program; Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services; NSW Centre for Obesity; Royal Children's Hospital Victoria; Lady Gowrie; Health Management Services Centre (UK); University of Calgary; Georgia State University.

8.0 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND LINKAGES

8.1 Community Engagement in Research

Nearly all of the CHPRC's research projects involve school and community-based interventions and are therefore developed in collaboration with key community stakeholders. In order to enhance collaboration and contribute to the local community, in 2010 staff from the CHPRC were involved in training, information sessions and presentations for school students, parents and community groups. These were given both locally and nationally on the topics of bullying and cyber bullying, drug use control, road safety, and the prevention of early childhood overweight and obesity.

A particular success was the *Cyber Friendly Schools Project Student Workshop* on 1 June 2010, an all-day event to train 80 Year 10 students to provide leadership in the prevention of cyber bullying in their schools. This training was extended by additional all-day events held on 11 and 15 June for 130 staff and students from these schools, with presentations on cyber bullying and the law, and training in policy development and strategies for responding to bullying. A final session on 25 June trained 26 staff from 18 high schools on how to deliver curriculum materials developed for the Cyber Friendly School Project.

8.2 Media presentations

The research and expertise of CHPRC's staff was featured in the media throughout 2010. This included interviews with major Australian television channels ABC1 Perth and Channel 7, and radio stations including 6PR, 92.9, ABC 720, ABC Goldfields WA, ABC Far North Cairns, ABC Melbourne, ABC Northwest WA, ABC Tropical North, Radio National Canberra, 2GB Sydney and 2UE Sydney.

There were over 30 newspaper articles documenting the CHPRC's work in 2010. These appeared in major Australian newspapers including The West Australian, The Sunday Times, Sydney Morning Herald, The Albany Advertiser, Courier Mail, The Daily Telegraph, Herald Sun, Sunday Telegraph, Sunday Mail and The Sunday Territorian, as well as smaller publications such as the Western Teacher Magazine, Joondalup Weekender, Curtin's Western Independent Newspaper, Yamaji News Geraldton, and Education Review. The CHPRC also made international news with an interview appearing in Colombia's El Tiempo newspaper.

9.0 FUTURE PLANS AND DIRECTION

Future plans and directions will reflect the Centre Review conducted in 2010.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT FORMAL REVIEW

2014.