

YOUNG LEADERS

— YOUTH SERVICES —



BARBERING WITH YOUNG LEADERS YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

EVER WANTED TO LEARN THE TECHNIQUES OF BARBERING?

Young Leaders Youth Services has partnered with barber mentors across New South Wales to deliver a 10-14 week barbering program focused on hands-on learning. Participants will build real skills, techniques, and confidence using industry tools in a supportive environment. Guided step-by-step by professional barbers you'll gain practical experience and insight into what it truly takes to become a barber. Across the 10-14 week program, you'll develop your skills, grow your confidence, and learn alongside an experienced mentor in the industry.



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LEARN BARBERING. BUILD CONFIDENCE. CREATE OPPORTUNITIES.

Barber mentoring programs create more than just fresh haircuts, they create connection, confidence, and opportunity for participants. For many participants, especially those navigating challenges, something as simple as a haircut can have a powerful impact. Looking fresh helps them feel confident, proud, and presentable. It can shift how they see themselves and how they show up at school, in the community, and around others. When a participant feels good about their appearance, it often flows into improved self-esteem, behaviour, and engagement.

Barbering also provides a practical, hands-on skill that participants can learn, build on, and even turn into future employment. It teaches patience, discipline, communication, and attention to detail, all valuable life skills. In schools and community settings, these programs provide participants something positive to focus on, especially those who may struggle in traditional classroom environments. What makes barber programs so powerful is the way they bring participants together. They create a safe, relaxed space where conversations happen naturally, barriers come down, and relationships are built. Sitting in a barber chair or learning to cut someone's hair opens the door for mentoring, guidance, and real conversations, the kind that young people often don't engage in within formal settings.

Within communities, barbering has always been more than just a service, it's a hub. A place where people connect, share stories, support each other, and feel a sense of belonging. Bringing this into schools and youth programs helps recreate that same environment, strengthening community ties and giving young people a space where they feel accepted and understood.

At Young Leaders Youth Services, we partner with barbers who create safe spaces for participants to feel supported and valued. We don't just focus on the skill, we focus on the person. These programs allow us to engage young people in a way that feels natural to them, build trust, and provide mentorship through something they genuinely enjoy.

In the end, it's not just about cutting hair, it's about building confidence, creating pathways, strengthening communities, and reminding participants that they are capable, valued, and have something to offer.



INSPIRING FUTURE BARBERS THROUGH OUR IN-SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

We Bring Our Programs to You

Our structured Barbering Mentoring Program is designed to inspire, engage, and empower young people through hands-on learning in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. The program can be delivered within schools, community centres, youth hubs, community events, and organisations, making it accessible to participants across Sydney, the Sutherland Shire, and Wollongong.

Facilitated by our team of highly experienced and professional barber mentors, each session focuses on building confidence, developing practical barbering skills, and creating meaningful mentor relationships. Participants are guided step-by-step through industry techniques while also developing important life skills such as communication, teamwork, respect, responsibility, resilience, and self-confidence.

More than just learning how to cut hair, our program creates opportunities for young people to connect with positive role models, strengthen social connections, and explore potential education and employment pathways within the barbering industry. Every session is delivered in a welcoming group environment where participants are encouraged to learn at their own pace, support one another, and celebrate their achievements.

Whether delivered as an ongoing school-based program, a community initiative, or a one-off workshop or event, our Barbering Mentoring Program provides participants with practical skills they can carry with them for life while fostering confidence, independence, and a strong sense of belonging.



OUR STRUCTURED IN-HOUSE BARBERING MENTORING PROGRAM

A Safe, Real-World Learning Environment for Future Barbers

Our Structured In-House Barbering Mentoring Program offers participants an exclusive opportunity to learn within a professional barbering environment while receiving ongoing guidance from experienced barber mentors. Sessions are facilitated from our Young Leaders Youth Services Youth Hub in Parramatta and our partnered barber shop, and community centres providing a safe, structured, and closely supervised setting where participants can develop both personally and professionally.

Unlike community-based workshops, our in-house program immerses participants in the day-to-day operations of a functioning barber shop. Participants gain valuable insight into how a professional barber shop operates, learning everything from client interaction, customer service, hygiene and workplace expectations to appointment management, shop presentation, teamwork, and professional barbering techniques.

The safety and wellbeing of every participant remain our highest priority. Our mentors provide close supervision, individual guidance, and a supportive learning environment that encourages participants to build confidence at their own pace while developing meaningful relationships with positive role models. Sessions are carefully structured to ensure participants feel safe, respected, and empowered throughout their learning journey.

As participants progress, they have opportunities to observe and engage with real customers under mentor supervision, allowing them to build practical experience, strengthen communication skills, and gain confidence within a genuine workplace setting. This real-world exposure helps prepare participants for future education, employment, apprenticeships, or careers within the barbering industry while equipping them with transferable life and workplace skills that will benefit them well beyond the program.



WHY DOES OUR BARBERING MENTORING PROGRAM STAND OUT?

Our barbering mentoring program is built on lived experience, understanding, and genuine connection. Our mentors know firsthand that not every young person thrives in a traditional classroom environment. For many participants, theory-based learning can be overwhelming, but when given the opportunity to learn through practical, hands-on experiences, they discover strengths they never knew they had. We create safe, supportive spaces where young people can learn at their own pace without pressure or unrealistic expectations. Our mentors guide participants through visual and practical learning, building confidence, resilience, and real-world skills while fostering positive relationships along the way.

The impact of our program has been consistently recognised by participants, families, schools, and stakeholders, who have witnessed significant improvements in confidence, engagement, communication, emotional wellbeing, and personal development. Many participants leave our program believing in themselves and recognising that they are capable of achieving their goals. We understand that school or TAFE isn't the right pathway for everyone, and that's okay. Our structured mentoring program provides participants with the opportunity to gain practical industry experience before progressing into formal training. By learning alongside experienced barber mentors, participants build the confidence, skills, and motivation needed to successfully transition into TAFE and complete their qualifications with ongoing mentoring and support.

Our program is about far more than learning to cut hair. It creates a sense of belonging, positive role models, and meaningful connections in environments where safeguarding is always a priority. Through consistent mentoring, participants are supported to make positive choices, reduce negative influences, strengthen community connections, and develop the life skills needed to succeed both inside and outside the barber shop. At Young Leaders Youth Services, we're not just teaching barbering we're helping shape confident, resilient young people with the skills, support, and belief to build a brighter future.

BARBER MENTORING INFO:

WORKSHOP DURATION:

IN-HOUSE BARBER MENTORING PROGRAM:

The barber program will run over 10 to 14 weeks. Any extensions will be discussed with the participant and their guardian if required. Participants will attend a minimum of two sessions per week, with each session running for 3-4 hours. This structure is designed to provide consistent, hands-on experience and guidance, recognising that some participants engage better through practical learning rather than theory.

IN-SCHOOL & COMMUNITY BARBERING PROGRAM:

Our in-school and community barbering program is designed to be flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of each school, organisation, or community event. Sessions typically range from **45 minutes to 3-4 hours**, depending on the program format, event schedule, and the goals of the host organisation. Programs can be delivered as one-off workshops or as ongoing weekly sessions, with the flexibility to facilitate one or more sessions per week. We work closely with each organiser to develop a schedule that best suits their participants while providing an engaging, hands-on mentoring experience that promotes confidence, practical barbering skills, and positive youth engagement.

LOCATION:

IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS:

Our in-house mentoring programs are delivered across a range of supportive learning environments, including our partnered barber shop, SBM Barbers in Campbelltown, our Young Leaders Youth Hub in Parramatta, and selected venues throughout the Sutherland Shire. These welcoming spaces provide participants with hands-on learning, mentoring, and opportunities to build confidence, develop practical skills, and achieve their personal goals.

IN-SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

We come directly to you and facilitate our barbering program.

PROGRAM PRICING:

IN-HOUSE:

\$200 per session (4 hours of hands-on experience)

To gain the full experience and build strong foundational skills, participants are encouraged to attend a minimum of two sessions per week: 2 sessions per week: \$400 per week per participant

IN-SCHOOL & COMMUNITY:

Sessions start from \$250 depending on the duration of the program.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE & LEARN:

Participants will gain real, hands-on barbering experience and industry knowledge, including:

- Foundations of barbering and hygiene practices
- Use of professional barbering tools and equipment
- Basic to intermediate haircutting techniques
- Fades, tapers, line-ups, and styling
- Client communication and customer service skills
- Confidence working in a real barbershop environment
- Understanding workplace expectations and industry standards
- Pathways into employment or further training within the barbering industry

WHY BARBERING WORKSHOPS WORK & WHAT THEY ACHIEVE:

Barbering workshops provide a practical, engaging pathway for young people especially those who may struggle in traditional learning environments.

These workshops:

- Build confidence, self-esteem, and pride in personal presentation
- Create a safe and supportive environment for connection and mentoring
- Teach valuable life skills such as discipline, patience, communication, and responsibility
- Encourage positive engagement and reduce disengagement from school or community
- Provide real career pathways, opening doors to employment and long-term opportunities.

Most importantly, barbering creates a sense of **purpose and belonging**, helping young people feel valued, capable, and motivated to build a better future.

NEXT STEP?

What are you waiting for?

Secure your spot in our upcoming programs today!

How to enrol?

Email us at info@youngeadersyouthservices.com.au

Our team will send you a registration link to enrol and lock in your place for the next workshops. This opportunity is open to anyone who is motivated, interested, and ready to get involved.

Who can enrol a participant?

- Parents / Carers
- Caseworkers
- Support Coordinators
- Participants (18+) can self-enrol
- And more

Funding options available

- Private funding
- NDIS funding
- Community funding/Government Funding & School Funded.

We can also deliver this workshop at your local PCYC, community centres, youth centres, or schools. Bringing the opportunity directly to your community.