

## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

### **EQUINE PROGRAM BUILDS PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS FOR CHILDREN**

Eight students from Portland South Primary School are participating in an Equine Team Building Program, thanks to funding from United Way Glenelg.

The program is designed to build communication, confidence, self-esteem, resilience and life skills of children to further develop their problem solving and team building through contact with horses.

Portland South Primary School Principal, Vicki Fisher said it was amazing, how by the end of the session, all groups had worked together to place a halter on their horse; without instruction, as well as brush and care for the horses.

“The students are already looking forward to the next session,” concluded Mrs. Fisher.

The Equine Team Building Program is held at the Cobboboonee Horse School and facilitated by Kelly Gannon who is a registered level 2 Equine specialist with EAGALA.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Angelino said it was great to see Portland South Primary School looking for alternative programs rather than traditional approaches.

“If students can be better engaged in the classroom environment, after gaining the confidence and skills through the Equine program it will improve their opportunities for improved higher education outcomes and employment opportunities.

“Those donating to United Way Glenelg, through the Workplace Giving program, can be satisfied that their donation is making a difference to local children,” concluded Ms Angelino.

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