Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) has launched “SKILLS 4 LIFE” which is an exciting youth engagement and employment program in Hedland and the East Pilbara.

AAC wants to assist young people secure their first-time job!

Washing dishes, flipping burgers, stacking shelves, lifeguarding at the pool or even starting a business! It can be anything!

SKILLS 4 LIFE will ENGAGE, EQUIP, & EMPOWER young people through training and employment.

Each student will undertake training and build a portfolio of achievement that makes them a “STAND OUT” candidate for prospective employers across the Pilbara.

To be eligible for the program, participants must be:

* 13 yrs +
* Resident of Hedland or Newman and surrounding districts.
* Capable of Working flexible hours
* Aboriginal or Torres Strait

Some of the qualifications we can help you secure:

- Senior First Aid

- Bronze Medallion

- Senior Lifeguard

- Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze Award

- Austswim Swim Teacher license

- AIS Coaching Certificate

- Police & Army Cadets

SKILLS 4 LIFE can assist students & young people access:

* TAFE Courses
* Traineeships and Apprenticeships
* Understand the labour market and apply for jobs

What we do through SKILLS 4 LIFE

- Apply for jobs –help apply and secure your employment every step of the way.

- Support young people get real & relevant job qualifications e.g. Senior First Aid

- Write up outstanding resumes and practise interviews.

- Support online training – We provide the venue and laptops

- Assist in securing: Photo ID, bank details, TFN, Unique Student ID (USI Number)

- Undertake epic events like the Lake Argyle 10km Marathon Swim

Why is SKILLS 4 LIFE an important?

 Getting a job is not just about the money but that helps!

Your first-time job is really important because it provides a future foundation for success.

Young people who sign-up to SKILLS 4 LIFE acquire the necessary confidence and work skills needed to successfully transition to adult employment.

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