

Dedicated duo tackle teen angst

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THE human spirit can achieve amazing things when people overcome adversity and turn negative experiences into positive ones.

Dale Beaumont and Brent Williams, both 23, are two classic examples. Rather than retreat from life, they have used their hardship, experience and sheer determination to benefit others.

They joined forces after tragedy struck both their lives.

They attended dozens of seminars and courses on different areas of life, ranging from neuro-linguistic programming to wealth creation and motivation. Realising that the information, while empowering, wasn't targeting youth, Dale and Brent began to write their own program.

They progressed to running programs for disadvantaged youth at drop-in centres and from there, established the company Tomorrow's Youth. They now run two-day programs for young people be-



Empowering: Dale Beaumont and Brent Williams run programs for disadvantaged youths.

tween the ages of 13 and 21 called 'Empower U' and have touched the lives of thousands.

Dale says their program aims to develop young leaders, providing participants with not only advice, but practical strategies for them to take away and implement.

"The program also helps to assist in discovering what they want to achieve in life and overcoming potential obstacles that may arise," he said.

Empower U focuses on life skills such as leadership, communication, money manage-

ment and the importance of teamwork and goal setting.

Dale says the learning environment is fun and interactive, and is designed to keep attention high and includes activities, music and movies.

"At the beginning of the program, 80 per cent of partici-

pants actually don't want to be there. They don't see the point and most have been sent by their parents," Dale said.

"We thrive on the turnaround in attitude, at the end of the weekend they all seem to love it."

After three years operating successfully within Australia, Dale and Brent branched out into Singapore and Indonesia.

"We discovered Asia was relatively untapped with parents starting to realise the value of personal development and life education, rather than just academic education," Dale said.

After working with more than 5000 teenagers, Dale and Brent have discovered teens are really the same the world over.

"Deep down, every teenager wants to be significant, yet many choose to hide behind various masks to avoid appearing vulnerable," Dale says.

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