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Alternative Education: Learning on Country

About Mibala

In Halls Creek, one of the biggest challenges is getting children engaged in school. All children deserve the right to good quality education and Mibala ('us together' in Kimberley Kriol) is an opportunity to guide and support disengaged children back into mainstream education.

Through rekindling a connection to culture and Country, Mibala seeks to instil a sense of identity and pride within the children of Halls Creek. It is designed and led by local Aboriginal Elders and community leaders and is the first nationally accredited course in Australia that will be scalable and adaptable to any language and Country in Australia.

Our Focus

- To support and guide children to find their sense of identity, through rekindling a connection to their Aboriginal culture and Country.
- Designed by local Aboriginal Elders and community leaders who are also the TAFE-qualified lecturers delivering the course to the children.
- To support the creation of pathways back into mainstream education or job-related pathways that can help empower children.

Our Partners

North-West Regional TAFE

"We're trying to work with kids who fall through the cracks of the system and hopefully through Mibala, we can empower them to have a bit more confidence... There's a loss of pride and identity and we still suffer that stigma of shame. A lot of Aboriginal kids don't know where they fit in in this world, so hopefully Mibala can give them that push to own their identity and have control over their lives."

- Arron Little, Mibala Learning Coordinator

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Olabud Doogethu Aboriginal Corporation is the first justice reinvestment project in Western Australia, located in the Shire of Halls Creek. It is co-led and co-designed by 11 Aboriginal communities.