



## Group's visit gives boost to students

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Halls Creek students will be treated to a performing arts extravaganza for the return of travelling group Girls of Oz.

The group will visit Halls Creek District High School on Monday for a week-long performing arts program to improve school attendance, educational engagement and develop life skills.

The group is made up of former Australian Girls Choir members and staff, who are committed to providing reliable educational activities to enhance Aboriginal girls' chances of further study and work.

Halls Creek District High School former principal Darryl Dedman said the group, which visits the school four times a year, had helped improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of students since its first visit in 2010.

"Adolescent Aboriginal girls, in particular, find it very difficult to draw attention to themselves," he said.

"Over time, the g-oz team has been able to challenge this disempowering attitude and assist our girls to develop the confidence to perform with pride in front of family and community."



A Girls of Oz member and student at a previous visit to Halls Creek. Photo: Girls from Oz