

Recognised for help with study skills

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HELPING teenagers become more confident, more focused and able to achieve greater academic success is a challenge that Vijay Patankar has met over the past three years.

The Hornsby man has been helping young adults in the local community through his Study Skills Program.

So far more than 50 students have successfully completed and benefited from the program, which teaches both study and life skills.

"Students who enrol in the Study Skills Program not only learn key study skills but also learn valuable life skills such as respect, goal settings, time management, self discipline, positive attitude, etc," Mr Patankar said.

The father-of-two believes students who excel at school are not necessarily born smarter, they are simply better at studying.

"These students have mastered the art of learning and this is their secret to good grades," he said.



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Mr Patankar has been nominated for a Community Recognition Award in the Education and Mentoring category.

Hornsby Council has extended the deadline for nominations for the awards until May 26.

The awards are a feature of the council's centenary celebrations and will recognise individuals and organisations for their dedication and hard work in the community.

The nine categories are: Youth Recognition Award, Community Spirit, Education and Mentoring, Environment, Cultural, Community Service, Sporting Achievement Award, His-

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Nomination forms are available from council's community relations team by phoning 9847 6739 or emailing events@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

□ The next Study Skills Program begins on May 18 at Hornsby Library.

Go to www.studyskills.com.au for more information.