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Wu Chi School of Arts, 46 Peel Street, GISBORNE.

Although of Chinese origin, the School does not overpower or deem to denounce any other culture.

The Wu Chi School not only instructs the children in self defence, but teaches and develops in each individual the following principles and values.

- discipline in ones physical, mental and spiritual being.
- personal development.
- growth and self esteem.
- growth in character.
- sense of responsibility.
- courage.
- good manners.
- equal standing with others.
- pride in ones self.

I work in the department of Social Welfare, Gisborne as a Social Worker in the Care and Protection Team. My involvement with families and especially abused or disadvantaged children is ongoing.

As a result of working with these clients I have identified the need to direct children towards activities that are going to assist their positive development.

The Wu Chi School tutors the children to develop and enhance the basic skills in life, beginning with personal development.

The Wu Chi School has catered for numerous "street kids" who have, since their attendance at the School, developed into teenagers who now have direction in life as well as becoming confident and stronger in character and self esteem.

I support the concept of this School wholeheartedly, because the input into the children is a positive one which for the future means positive and respectful adults.

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