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Future for young homeless

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LENDLEASE and Platform Youth Services have teamed up to make a nine-year vision a reality for young people experiencing homelessness.

The pilot program which will see six young people in secured housing at Lemongrove House for about two or three years while they study at TAFE or university aims to “end the cycle of homelessness”.

It is part of Lendlease’s new FutureSteps initiative.

“FutureSteps will be an enduring initiative, grounded in the belief that everyone in society should have access to safe and secure housing,” Lendlease Property chief executive Kylie Rampa said. “It means we’ll be directing a portion of every new residential dwelling and land lot sale in Australia towards doing better via our own charitable vehicle.”

Platform Youth is the first service to take part in the Futuresteps initiative.

Lemongrove House will have tutors, youth workers and overnight supervision to ensure the young people receive the support they need while studying.

Platform Youth chief executive Stephanie Oatley said accommodation was not enough to end the cycle of homelessness.

“In order to solve the employment issue, their education is the key,” Ms Oatley said. “Many have experienced traumatic experiences with the trauma often compounded by their limited options and life skills. If we can support young people to

complete education and help them move into employment their chances of experiencing homelessness as adults is drastically reduced.”

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Stephanie Oatley and Meghan Winckle from Platform Youth Services . Picture: Angelo Velardo