

Drugs or alcohol, which in turn leads to criminal behaviour. 2012 HSC - Aboriginal Studies Band 3/4 Sample 3 Question 16(b)

Modern Day discrimination and racism often pushes people over the edge, and in some cases aboriginal people are wrongly accused.

Due to this large representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system the <sup>young</sup> ages for offenders is becoming lower and the rate of reoffenders is high.

All these issues can be linked back to the problems caused by the colonisation of Australia.

b) Government programs and strategies have been somewhat successful in addressing criminal justice issues faced by the Wiradjuri people in the Dubbo and surrounding areas and also the ~~to~~ Lakota people of North America.

One strategy that has been put in place is the introduction of circle sentencing which originated

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in North America but was first used in Nowra, NSW in 2002 and then used in Dubbo, NSW in 2003.

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Circle sentencing allows the offender to avoid the courtroom and avoid jail time. ~~The~~ ~~most~~ ~~successful~~ This program has been reasonably successful when used but sometimes it is not an option.

In the Dubbo area there are a number of government organisations which aim to help young offenders, and offenders from re-offending.

There are also programs which help people do community hours.

Again these programs are somewhat successful but if they were

100% successful there would be no reoffenders and numbers would go

down. Aboriginal people still make up 24% of the Australian prison

population, over 6000 males

and 1500 females, when these



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numbers are lowered significantly.  
It will be then safe to say  
the government programs and  
strategies are successful.

The Lakota people of North  
America have a similar  
situation to the Wadjari  
people of the Dubbo area.  
There are government strategies  
put in place which to aim  
to lower the numbers of indigenous  
in U.S. jails.

Much like in Dubbo, these  
programs are somewhat successful  
but there is still some room for  
improvement.