

Breakfast program is filling void

JUNEE High School's breakfast program has been running for the past two years with more than 300 breakfasts served.

The breakfast program also allows students and teachers to interact in a relaxed environment outside the classroom.

Organised and run by Toni Jeffs, who volunteers her time to prepare breakfast for students who travel long distances or whose parents both work.

"(I'm) proud to say we've been doing breakfast two days a week for two years," she said.

The food used in the breakfasts has been donated by local business and sometimes teachers.

The GEO Group also contributes to the program through the provision of food and cooks and by sponsoring a big breakfast once every school term.

Mr Brown said it wasn't just the material support such as pro-

viding food for the school's big breakfast.

"I cannot thank GEO enough for the work they do through the community and school," Mr Brown said.

"It's an opportunity to not only be talking about supporting the students but actually doing it.

Mrs Jeffs, a school staff member, had simply seen an opportunity to improve students lives and acted on it, he said.

General manager Andy Walker said the GEO Group was committed to supporting the programs it operates with Junee High School.

The big breakfast was only one part of the support, which included the Bressington scholarships for academic achievement and the mentoring program, Mr Walker said.

"Everyone realises how important it (the support) is ... it's a good connection with the kids," he said.