

Name: Jasmine

Location: Maroubra Junction, Sydney

Age: 10

Lionel Bowen Library Code Club, located in Maroubra Junction in Sydney, Australia, was the first Code Club to be established in a public library in New South Wales. The club has been running since May 2015 and hosts between 10 and 15 children once a week after school.

Code Club member Jasmine first started her coding journey at a Scratch beginners' Code Club in the Sydney metropolitan area, before moving on to the Code Club at Lionel Bowen Library. She has attended the club for two and a half years and is now a Peer Leader, assisting her fellow club members and running sessions.

During her time at Code Club, Jasmine has learned to use a range of coding languages, from block coding in Scratch, to making music with Sonic Pi and creating web templates in HTML and CSS. She has also developed her skills in digital making, coding with micro:bit and Makey Makey, and robotics.

Jasmine feels that she has gained a number of skills since joining her club, such as prioritisation and leadership, and she feels that she has become more self-assured: "I feel more confident speaking in front of people now that I have had the experience of teaching and I also feel more confident in my coding from this experience."

Club leader Chau Au has also seen a change in Jasmine, and has noticed her positive influence on other members of their club: "The impact of our Code Club for Jasmine was in the level of curiosity, interest, and social confidence she had to learn how to code. I have seen a lot of growth from her in terms of being socially active with her peers, willing to assist, and able to showcase in front of a group or audience. Furthermore, as a young girl who is approachable and proactive, she inspires her peers, especially girls, to be like her."