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**Dear Brian**

*I was fortunate last month to be invited to the Nippon Precision Industrial Jewel (JICO) company's factory for an international sales meeting and factory tour. I was amazed to see the process of producing replacement stylus assemblies. Each step involves manual dexterity and precision. I have written a [blog article](#) with photos which is on the Decibel Hi Fi website. There's also a brief summary below with links to some YouTube videos.*



*JICO also produce the Super Analogue Stylus (SAS), an advanced shape diamond tip that is available for several brands and models of moving magnet cartridges.*

*We are continuing the discussion regarding vinyl record production with several interesting article links below.*

*And the [Malpa organisation](#) that we support reports on some of the results being experienced with their Young Doctors program. These Young Doctors are aged 9 or 10 - have a look at the statistics arising from this innovative approach to indigenous health.*

*Musical regards*

*Brian Maddern  
Decibel Hi Fi & Soundring*



## Vinyl Record Production

There is now a page on the website with a listing of recommended brands. I'll add to it as more suggestions come in.

<http://www.decibelhifi.com.au/recommended-vinyl-record-brands/>

[A modern vinyl record pressing plant will be opening in Melbourne next year.](#)

Most vinyl record masters are cut at normal 33 speed. But there is an advantage in cutting them at 45rpm, and even better is to cut them at half speed. [An article by Andrew Murphy of What Hi Fi reveals why.](#)

We mentioned in an article recently that vinyl record quality has been reduced due to the use of inferior digital masters. [Here's an article](#) to discuss that issue.

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## Malpa - Young Doctors program

They have run projects in NT, NSW, ACT, Vic and SA. Projects are not just “one-offs” but run consecutively in communities. By the end of this year there will be about 1,000 Young Doctors and we are geared up to train 450 next year. The results:



- School Attendance usually rises to 87-98%
- 100 % of Young Doctors reported thinking about working in a job after completing school
- 98 % reported feeling happy to come to school since becoming Young Doctors
- 100 % reported they are happy to see a doctor since participating in Young Doctors
- 100 % reported sharing their new learning with other children and families
- 100 % reported knowing more about Aboriginal culture
- 100 % of parents reported that their child's school was more supportive since they offered Young Doctors
- 99 % were able to identify 1-3 people within their community to ask about healing (they mentioned Elders, parents, health professionals and teachers)
- 3 in 5 highlighted that they most enjoyed learning from Elders and Aboriginal community leaders

Most importantly the kids love coming to school because it is relevant and fun. Some schools run the projects on Friday afternoons when school attendance plummets. The kids all come along. This pattern is consistent across all their projects.

To find out more visit [malpa.org.au](http://malpa.org.au)

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