



## **BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS: Fact Sheet**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Brainstorm Productions is Australia's largest in-school touring theatre company, performing to over 350,000 primary and high school students every year. Established in 1983, Brainstorm Productions tours over 1,700 shows annually that tackle a range of issues affecting Australian students including bullying, cyber bullying, violence, under-age drinking, depression, eating disorders, family separation and discrimination.

### **MISSION:**

Brainstorm Productions aim is to reduce the incidences of bullying in schools and improve student behaviour and wellbeing. Using real-life scenarios, Brainstorm Productions anti-bullying, cyberbullying and wellbeing programs use live theatre to connect with students and enact change including:

- Empower students with real-life strategies to help enhance their mental health, happiness and wellbeing
- Reduce the incidences of bullying, cyber bullying and aggressive behaviour in schools
- Help students understand the importance of developing respectful relationships at school, at home and online
- Provide teachers with a range of unique school resources to enhance existing anti-bullying, wellbeing and cyber bullying programs
- Help students develop a greater understanding of cyber safety and digital citizenship
- Provide bystanders of bullying and aggressive behaviour with the tools and confidence to support their friends and peers
- Engage students in live, interactive theatre, using authentic real-world youth experiences, that are designed to help develop student self-awareness and empathy for others
- Use young professional actors as role models to inspire a new generation to participate in and appreciate the arts

### **AWARDS:**

- Best School Bullying Prevention Project by The Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association's STAAR Awards
- Award for Excellence from NSW Department of Education and Training (for 10 consecutive years)
- Australian Violence Prevention Award from The Department of Criminology
- PINS Award for Excellence from Performers in Schools (winner for 5 consecutive years)

### **PARTNERSHIPS & CERTIFICATION:**

- Certified to provide 'Online Safety Programs' by The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner
- R U OK? Official School Partner
- Privacy Awareness Week Partner
- Australian Government's Stay Smart Online Week Partner
- Featured Channel 10's 2015 anti-bullying documentary 'From The Quadrangle'

## AT A GLANCE:

- Australia's leading in-school touring theatre company
- Performing to over 350,000 students every year
- Anti-bullying, cyber bullying and wellbeing programs
- Multi award-winning, independent and ethical
- Over 30 years' experience
- Curriculum-based

## Current Primary School Programs:

<b>Saving Lil and Archie</b>	Key Themes: Cyber Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Positive Connections
<b>The H Team</b>	Key Themes: Wellbeing, Bullying, Positive Behaviours
<b>The Protectors</b>	Key Themes: Bullying, Exclusion, Resilience, Self Esteem
<b>Sticks &amp; Stones K-6</b>	Key Themes: Bullying, Empathy, Friendship, Co-operation
<b>Being Brave</b>	Key Themes: Resilience, Emotional Wellbeing, Empathy, Loss
<b>The Human Race</b>	Key Themes: Diversity, Inclusion, Bullying
<b>The Magic Words</b>	Key Themes: Values & Respect at School & Online

## Current High School Programs

<b>Cyberia</b>	Key Themes: Cyber Bullying, Social Websites, Isolation
<b>Cheap Thrills</b>	Key Themes: Risk Taking, Safe Partying, Choices
<b>Verbal Combat</b>	Key Themes: Cyber Bullying, Social Media, Exclusion
<b>The Hurting Game</b>	Key Themes: Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Harassment
<b>Wired</b>	Key Themes: Depression, Mental Health, Exam Stress
<b>Sticks &amp; Stones 7-10</b>	Key Themes: Bullying, Exclusion, Resilience, Problem Solving

For detailed program descriptions, please visit [www.brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au)

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