



BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS: Fact Sheet

Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

DESCRIPTION:

Brainstorm Productions is Australia's largest in-school touring theatre company, performing to over 360,000 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, cyber safety, violence, under-age drinking, depression, eating disorders, family separation and discrimination.

MISSION:

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

- Empowering students with real-life strategies to help enhance their mental health, happiness and wellbeing
- Reducing the incidence of bullying, cyber bullying and aggressive behaviour in schools
- Helping students understand the importance of developing respectful relationships at school, at home and online
- Providing teachers with a range of unique school resources to enhance existing anti-bullying, wellbeing and cyber bullying programs
- Helping students develop a greater understanding of cyber safety and digital citizenship
- Providing bystanders of bullying and aggressive behaviour with the tools and confidence to support their friends and peers
- Engaging students in live, interactive theatre, using authentic real-world youth experiences, that are designed to help develop student self-awareness and empathy for others
- Using 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 for Performances in Schools from NSW Department of Education and Training (winner for 10 consecutive years)
- Australian Violence Prevention Award from The Department of Criminology
- PINS Award for Excellence from Performers in Schools (winner for 8 consecutive years)
- Best Cyber Smart Project 2018 Runner-Up at The Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association's STAAR Awards

PARTNERSHIPS:

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

AT A GLANCE:

- Australia's leading in-school touring theatre company
- Performing to over 360,000 students every year
- Anti-bullying, cyber safety and wellbeing programs
- Multi award-winning, independent and ethical
- Over 30 years' experience
- Curriculum-based

SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Primary School:

Being Brave

Key Themes: Resilience, Emotional Wellbeing, Coping with Loss and Change

The Magic Words

Key Themes: Values and Respect, Cyber Safety, Student Wellbeing

The Protectors

Key Themes: Bullying, Exclusion, Cyber Safety, Resilience, Self Esteem

Buddies

Key Themes: Bullying, Cyber Safety, Friendship, Student Wellbeing

Saving Lil and Archie

Key Themes: Cyber Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Positive Connections

The H Team

Key Themes: Wellbeing, Bullying, Positive Behaviours

The Human Race

Key Themes: Resilience, Values and Respect, Co-operation, Bullying

Sticks & Stones K-6

Key Themes: Bullying, Empathy, Friendship, Co-operation

High School:

Cyberia

Key Themes: Cyber Safety, Cyber Bullying, Social Media, Isolation, Digital Citizenship

The Flipside

Key Themes: Cyber Bullying, Online Ethics, Cyber Safety, Bystanders, Consequences

Cheap Thrills

Key Themes: Risk Taking, Safe Partying, Choices, Wellbeing

Verbal Combat

Key Themes: Cyber Safety, Cyber Bullying, Social Media, Exclusion, Bystanders

The Hurting Game

Key Themes: Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Harassment, Resilience, Cyber Safety

Wired

Key Themes: Anxiety, Depression, Mental Health, Exam Stress, Resilience, Wellbeing

Sticks & Stones 7-10

Key Themes: Bullying, Exclusion, Resilience, Problem Solving

For detailed program descriptions, please visit www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

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