



The Cyber Bully

A play about the misuse of social media

The Team

Trisha Starrs has been writing and directing plays for over 20 years. The two actors appearing are Performing Arts graduates and have Working With Children Certificates.

The Play

Zoe and her cousin Edward have a lot of time on their hands. They are always on their favourite social networking site. One 'boring' day Zoe suddenly has a plan to tease her classmates 'especially plain Jane'. They go crazy and have a wicked time creating a fake networking site posting lies and gossip. Zoe, using her mobile phone, secretly films classmates arguing and fighting about the gossip and thinking she is anonymous uploads the films to the site. Jane is so upset she leaves the school but her distraught mother goes to the police who trace Zoe and Edward's digital footprint. They are then forced to face the consequences of their actions.

The Cyber Bully is an entertaining play that addresses the serious issue of cyber bullying among young people. The play explores the dangers of sharing too much personal information on social networking sites, the unauthorized use of pictures and film and the misuse of texting. Students witness the emotional and legal consequences of these actions and through empathy learn to navigate the internet more securely. A de-briefing session is offered after the play.



Comments

"Always a good performance from these two actors. I like the audience interaction-nice addition!" - Cecil Andrews High School WA

"The children really enjoyed the play and it was excellent to stimulate classroom discussion-Thank you!" - St Mary's Anglican Girls' WA



SUITABILITY:

Years 3-10

DURATION:

55 minutes + 15 minute Q&A

COST PER STUDENT:

\$7.70 (\$7 + 70c GST)

MINIMUM PER SESSION:

**\$770 (\$700+ \$70 GST)
If 100 students or less**

NOTE:

Teacher Notes provided