



Stories of Us

Bullying Prevention
Promoting Positive Peer Relationships

Made with Students, For Students

Evidence-based Australian Resources

Stories of Us is a unique series of classroom resources for **primary** and **secondary** students.

Empirically supported classroom resources. **Internationally acclaimed** by some of the world's leading bullying prevention scholars in Australia, the UK, Canada and the USA.

Easy to use, classroom-based resources combine **extensive Teacher's Guides** with **films developed and produced with school students**.

"Stories of Us is the best, most realistic account of bullying in schools that I have come across. Compulsive viewing for both children and educators." **Dr Ken Rigby**, University of South Australia

"A great resource for schools." **Andrew Fuller**, Clinical Psychologist & Family Therapist

Multiple studies have found that **Stories of Us** has a measurable, **statistically significant, positive influence on student attitudes**.

"The impact on the kids was unbelievable. They recognised their own language, behaviour and culture. It blew them away." Kate Pollock, Teacher, Hillsmeade Primary School

"One of the best resources I have ever used." Karen Box, Student Counsellor, Streaky Bay Area School

Two Primary Resources

- **Bullying**
- **Belonging**

Three Secondary Resources

- **Bullying**
- **Relationships**
- **Stress**

Year 6-12 Resource

- **Make-Your-Own-Film**



Stories of Us recommended by:
Australian Primary Principals Association
Australian Secondary Principals Association



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The unique **Stories of Us** resources centre on films built from the group up with groups of primary and secondary students who collaborated in brainstorming the subjects, developing the scripts and performing in the films. Every word of dialogue is their own, and every detail approved by the students. The *Stories of Us* films are compelling as they draw upon the collective experience of the students, holding a mirror to their reality with such authenticity that students watching the films are often convinced they are real.

The *Stories of Us* resources centre on these films, however **the key to their effectiveness is how the films are applied**. Designed with specialist psychologists, the resources take students through a structured program which is proven to be uncommonly effective. A University of South Australia study recorded a significant positive shift in student attitudes including a **20% decrease in those who believed: 'Kids who get picked on usually deserve it'**.¹ And a University of California study revealed **'statistically significant positive changes using pre-post test methodology'**.²

Each resource presents the story of two 'students' as they deal, in their own way, with the given issue. The objective is to *engage*, rather than *tell*. Then with the aid of the extensive Teacher's Guides the class explore the issues in-depth through discussion and group activities. As well as step-by-step instructions for a number of classes, the Teacher's Guide provides detailed support information for teachers. Because of their realism the films also form an excellent basis for extension activities in English or Drama.

The **Stories of Us** primary and secondary resources have been developed with Optima Psychologists & Mediators, specialists in child and youth psychology, in consultation with student counsellors and teachers from a range of schools, with the support of the South Australian Department of Education & Children's Services, MindMatters, beyondblue and the SA Primary School Counselling Association.

The success of these Australian resources led to the establishment of *Stories of Us* in the USA and we are now offering an **extensive new curriculum** (and associated film competition) to Australian schools. The **Make-Your-Own-Film Resource** was made with American students by the Australian producer of *Stories of Us* and uniquely combines a range of core subject skills in a curriculum designed to promote social cohesion and help reduce bullying in schools.

"My students, racially, economically, and experientially diverse, came together in a way that I've not had the pleasure of seeing in my 16 years of teaching." Shameem Rakha, Franklin Middle School, Illinois

For more information about the *Stories of Us* resources including online film previews, Teacher's Guide extracts, pricing and ordering options – visit:

www.storiesofus.com.au

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¹ Post-intervention quantitative findings of a study of the bullying resource involving 56 students from 3 classes (Years 4/5, 5/6 and 7). The University of South Australia awarded a 1st Class Distinction to Richard Stephens' Honours' Thesis on *Stories of Us* (with Dr. Barbara Spears as second author). ² Preliminary findings of a study involving 147 7th grade students in Goleta, California by Professor Shane Jimerson and Tyler Renshaw (University of California, Santa Barbara).

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EDUCATION RESOURCES

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	Primary	Set of 2 resources: <i>Bullying and Belonging</i>		

Order By Resource	Secondary	<i>Episode 1: Bullying (Secondary)</i>		
	Secondary	<i>Episode 2: Relationships</i>		
	Secondary	<i>Episode 3: Stress</i>		
	Years 6-12	<i>Make-Your-Own-Film Resource</i>		
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Make-Your-Own-Film Resource \$280 each (excluding GST)
 NOTE: All resources include Teacher's Guides & DVD

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