



## **BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS: Fact Sheet**

### **Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances**

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's largest and most respected educational theatre companies, reaching more than 260,000 students each year with anti bullying, cyber safety and wellbeing programs for primary and high school students. Established in 1983, Brainstorm Productions provides curriculum aligned programs that tackle a range of issues affecting Australian students including bullying, cyberbullying, aggression, harassment, bystander behaviour, online safety and privacy, mental health, resilience, help-seeking, values, diversity and inclusion.

#### **MISSION:**

Brainstorm Productions aims to improve the mental health, wellbeing and online experiences of Australian students. Each live theatre performance is supported by a Q&A and suite of curriculum-aligned Teacher Resources to continue the learning in the classroom. Presented by professional young performers, the programs inspire students to build resilience and positive connections. Brainstorm Productions use live theatre and real-life scenarios to connect with students and enact change, including:

- Empowering students with practical, real-life strategies to help improve their mental health and wellbeing;
- Reducing the incidence of bullying, cyberbullying and aggressive behaviour in schools;
- Helping students to develop respectful relationships at school, at home and online;
- Providing teachers with a range of unique school resources to compliment existing anti bullying, wellbeing, mental health and cyber safety programs;
- Helping students develop skills for 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 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 5 consecutive years)

#### **PARTNERSHIPS & ENDORSEMENTS:**

- Endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider
- R U OK? Official School Partner
- Privacy Awareness 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 260,000 students every year
- Anti-bullying, cyber bullying and student wellbeing programs
- Trusted eSafety Provider
- All programs developed by education, mental health and creative professionals, in consultation with students and teachers
- Multi award-winning, independent and ethical
- 40 years experience providing wellbeing performances to schools
- Curriculum-aligned

#### **SCHOOL PROGRAMS:**

(NB: not all programs are available at all times)

##### **Primary School Programs:**

**Zanna & the Lost Code** Key Themes: Cyber Safety, Bullying, Values, Resilience

**Being Brave** Key Themes: Resilience, Emotional Wellbeing, Bullying/Cyberbullying, 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 Programs:**

<b>Cyberia</b>	Key Themes: Cyber Safety, Cyber Bullying, Social Media, Isolation, Digital Citizenship
<b>The Flipside</b>	Key Themes: Cyber Bullying, Online Ethics, Cyber Safety, Bystanders, Consequences
<b>Cheap Thrills</b>	Key Themes: Risk Taking, Safe Partying, Choices, Wellbeing
<b>Verbal Combat</b>	Key Themes: Cyber Safety, Cyber Bullying, Social Media, Exclusion, Bystanders
<b>The Hurting Game</b>	Key Themes: Bullying, Digital Citizenship, Harassment, Resilience, Cyber Safety
<b>Wired 7-11</b>	Key Themes: Cyberbullying, Anxiety, Depression, Mental Health, Resilience, Wellbeing
<b>Sticks &amp; Stones 7-11</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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