

# Script

## Sacred Heart Primary School 'Can of kids' video presentation

### SAFETY SCRIPT

- Hannah      So everyone, based on the research that we gathered at our discussion day, do kids feel safe in their community?
- Austin        Yes, they do, but they also feel that there are some things that could change to make it safer.
- Liam          Like what?
- Austin        Some kids that ride and walk to school said that there could be more traffic lights and pedestrian crossings to help the get to and from school more safely.
- Hannah      Any other interesting points?
- Katie Rose    Yes. Some kids feel unsafe around where they live. One girl told us that her house had been broken into 7 times and now her family feels exposed and vulnerable.
- Liam          Did she have any suggestions about how it could be safer?
- Angelo        Yes – we talked about it with her group and thought that it would help if there were more street lights near houses and if there were more police around the community

Katie Rose Yeah, then there would be less crime and kids would feel a bit safer

Hannah What about the positives? What is the general feel among young people in the community? Do kids feel safe?

Nicholas Yeah I think they do. They feel safe because police are around and because they had lived around here for a while so they knew there area well.

Pascal I think so too. Other kids we talked to said they had really friendly neighbours that they trusted and that made them feel safe.

Austin You know, one day... (tell story)

Liam Any final comments about safety in our community?

Curtis No, just that I think most young people feel safe around here

Everyone AGREE!!! (say yes, nod head)

## HAPPINESS SCRIPT

- Liam Kids in our community are all different and these days, it is hard for some kids to feel happy.
- Hannah What did you guys find out about happiness in our community?
- Bree Well, some kids feel like they can't relax because they do too much after school like homework, sports, music practice
- Sophie and even too many assignments!
- Shannon But some kids think they have heaps of time to relax, like on the weekends and holidays.
- Liam So what about feeling happy?
- Sophie Kids feel happy and sad for lots of different reasons. Some feel like they aren't special and some kids get bullied so they feel sad a lot.
- Hannah Does anything else stop kids from feeling happy?
- Ebony Yeah – feeling different is a big one. For some kids, feeling different makes them feel special and then they are happy, but lots of other kids don't like feeling different because it means they don't fit in and then they feel alone and sad instead of happy.
- Shannon And sometimes their family and friends disappoint them and they don't feel looked after so that makes them sad too.

- Liam Ok, so what are kids in our community doing to stay happy?
- Bree The kids we spoke to play sports, go to the skate park, hang out with their friends, spend time with their family and even go to the movies.
- Sophie And there are heaps of things to do in our community.
- Hannah Like what?
- Sophie Well there are parks, skate parks, play grounds. That kind of thing.
- Hannah And can the community do more to help kids feel happy?
- Shannon Yeah, we came up with some ideas like having free classes for kids to learn new things
- Liam Like on the holidays and after school?
- Shannon Yeah. And having free concerts that the whole family can go to and community fairs.
- Ebony But we think the community does heaps to encourage kids to get out and have fun. Especially if they kids feel safe and have lived in the area for a while.
- All Agree (say yes, nod heads)

## PARTICIPATING SCRIPT

- Liam            We've talked about happiness and safety, but what do young people in our community do to feel like they belong?
- Hannah        Let's start by finding out what sort of activities kids participate in outside school. Katie-Rose?
- Katie            Yes! There are so many different things that kids in our community do!
- Liam            Like what?
- Katie            Lots of sports – netball, soccer, football, hockey, swimming and basketball just to name a few! Also dancing, calisthenics, gymnastics, horse riding and even Taekwondo!
- Liam            A very sporty community!
- Katie            It seems so! But kids do other things as well...
- Curtis          Yeah, like walking, tree climbing and bird watching!
- Hannah        Ok, so what is influencing the young people in our community these days? Where do they get their ideas? Who are their role models?
- Curtis          Again, there are so many different things. Some kids say that their surroundings influence them.

- Pascal Yeah, and some kids are influenced by the people around them like their friends and family. This can be a good thing and a bad thing because some kids copy their friends when they do the wrong thing.
- Liam Any other influences?
- Curtis Yeah, television and movies! Even the music they listen to influence them.
- Hannah And what about being recognised and noticed in your community as a young person. Are kids noticed positively?
- Angelo I think so. We get stories in the paper all the time about school kids doing good things.
- Liam What sort of good things?
- Angelo Things like volunteering, running sausage sizzles and donating the money, cleaning up the community and doing helpful things for neighbours.
- Liam What about young people with disabilities, how does our community help them feel like they belong?
- Nicholas Our community has lots of building with ramps so that these kids can participate in the same activities as everyone else.
- Bree Yeah and all the kids we spoke to said there were special teachers and facilities at their school to help kids with disabilities participate.

Pascal I think that you have to get out there and participate to really be part of the community!

All Agree (nod, say yes)

## BULLYING SCRIPT

Liam One of the biggest issues facing kids these days is bullying

Hannah That's right. The kids we spoke to had lots to say about this important issue.

Liam So everyone, do young people experience bullying in the community?

ALL Yes

Nicholas Practically everyone experiences bullying at some time

Hannah What type of bullying have they experienced?

Ebony Well they've experienced cyber bullying, name calling, threats, peer pressure, physical bullying, verbal abuse

Bree One boy even talked about how his friend would put him down and push him around and thought he could get away with it because they were so-called friends.

Liam That's just awful! How do kids deal with bullying?



- Curtis In lots of different ways. Some kids find it easy just to walk away and find a new friend to play with, but some find it really hard.
- Shannon Other kids are bullied really badly and for a long time and they find it hard to deal with. Some of them become bullies themselves, some kids become very sad and don't want to go to school and it can affect their education
- Angelo Some young people are pushed to extremes and think that committing suicide is the only way out. It's really sad when that happens
- Hannah So what can your community do to help support these kids and help stop bullying?
- Pascal There's not much that the community can do to prevent these things from happening, but the community can help kids by telling them its ok to speak up
- Liam How can they do this?
- Bree We came up with some ideas like having community workshops to teach young people how to deal with and prevent bullying
- Shannon Yeah and having advertisements about how to prevent bullying and promoting help lines for kids who have been bullied

Nicholas We even talked about having a bullying officer that could come out to schools in our area.

Hannah It seems to be that education is the way to solve this problem. What do you think?

All yes, agree