

# Benefits to Individual Students



## Dialogues @ School

- widening of personal, social and intellectual horizons
- introduction and skill development to engage in non-adversarial discussion of challenging topics, the fundamental human process of “social reasoning”
- complement and extension of critical thinking classes and activities
- confidence to think and speak independently, questioning polarised or orthodox views
- complement and alternative to debating
- extra public speaking opportunities for non-debaters (and debaters)
- solutions-orientation of dialogues is an antidote to teenage gloom, doom, catastrophization and alienation
- feeling of “having a voice” individually and collectively
- extra leadership, collaboration and organisational opportunities (organising annual dialogues, dialogues clubs, becoming Brisbane Dialogues Youth Ambassadors)
- sense of maturation and progress into adulthood in a healthy democratic community context
- civic consciousness and development - all-round preparation to become good citizens

MRH

16 Apr 23