

DIALOGUES @SCHOOL

BETTER DISCUSSIONS = A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Dialogues @ School is a simple, practical program that **any school** can join to:

- give students the experience and practice of better discussions on difficult issues
- help schools manage difficult discussions, enhancing civics and academic learning
- foster social cohesion and engage young people in the democratic process

DIALOGUES CLUBS

- 3 or more students
- 1-2 student leaders
- Light supervision
- Regular meeting slot
- Conducive space
- Resources: topics + skills
- Guest speakers optional

INTERSCHOOL SERIES

- Multiple schools, same topic
- Student panels
- Experienced moderators
- Larger audiences
- Discussions recorded
- Voice of Youth Report
- Presented to Parliaments

Schools may join in either or both formats, which are flexible for individual school circumstances. Some schools create variations, keeping to the essential principle and practice of dialogue, expressed in The Brisbane Rule.

THE BRISBANE RULE

“All participants agree to listen carefully, speak respectfully and concentrate on the content of discussions, not on characters - before, during and afterwards, online as well as offline.”

PROGRAM **BENEFITS**

STUDENTS

- Think independently
- Reason socially

- Seek positive solutions
- Disagree better

SCHOOLS

- Manage difficult discussions
- Expand civics

- Develop student leaders
- Strengthen academic culture

SOCIETY

- Foster social cohesion
- Engage youth in society

- Create better citizens
- Wide geographic impact

THE **PROGRAM**

Dialogues Clubs

Smaller regular discussion groups embedded in school culture

Interschool Series

Larger events, showcasing better discussions resulting in Voice of Youth Report on a single topic

Online Hub

Topical and discussion skills resources and educator network

THE **BIGGER PICTURE**

A growing network of students and educators invested in Australia's ability to have constructive discussions about contested, complex issues - with impacts far beyond the classroom.

**"THE AIM OF ARGUMENT, OR OF DISCUSSION,
SHOULD NOT BE VICTORY, BUT PROGRESS."**

-JOSEPH JOUBERT

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