

Escape From Worryville

Created through a series of workshops and close consultation with students from three High Schools, Escape From Worryville is a show developed by teenagers for teenagers!

Comedy and tragedy combine in this uplifting feel-good story of hope and empowerment exploring issues of anxiety, depression, worry, sadness and belonging.

Two young teenagers from radically different backgrounds meet outside the Principal's office, both about to be suspended but for different reasons. Hohuna is a happy go lucky opportunist who just can't resist the boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts he has found in the teacher's staff room. His quest for doughnuts lands him with lunch time rubbish duty followed by suspension. Hohuna is joined on his lunch time rubbish duty by Thomas who has troubles at home and is down and in need of a friend. Over a weekend their stories collide and their lives take a turn for the better. The two make an unlikely pair as Hohuna extends the hand of friendship to someone he sees is in need.



In 2010 Full-On Theatre artists, Dave Houston, Andy Jans-Brown and Aurora Kurth, worked in partnership with three secondary colleges, health professionals, teachers, well-being coordinators, School Focused Youth Services (SFYS), Family Life, the Royal Children's Hospital, Zeal Theatre and over 70 teenagers to create the show. This performance is dedicated to the wonderful students of Parkdale Secondary College, Westall Secondary College and Sandringham College who formed creative teams to explore and develop the themes, characters and storyline of Escape From Worryville. The creative teams of students did three days of workshops focusing on acting, theatre making and were very brave and open in their exploration of the difficult themes of anxiety and depression. Special thanks to Asif, who named the show.

What schools have said:

Fantastic. Engaging and presented in a very entertaining manner. The story that you told was excellent and very appropriate for the age of the students. Our students could relate to the situation presented.

Harry Weatherman. Year 7 to Year 9. Cohuna Secondary College. Cohuna. VIC. 26/06/2014.

Was very impressed with this production. Excellent level of energy throughout. Thoroughly engaged students. Would highly recommend. The performers were both very professional and engaging.

Tracey Goldstein. Year 8. Leichhardt High School. Leichhardt. NSW. 18/06/2014.

Price: \$6.00 per student (No GST applies).

Suitable: Years 7 to 10.

Minimum Audience Size: 150 students.

Times: Show: 50 minutes plus Q & A. Set up: 60 minutes. Pack up: 40 minutes.

Requires an indoor performing area 5m deep x 5m wide.

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