Effective Prevention & Response to School Bullying

Whole Day Workshop Thursday 11 May 2023

Coosje Griffiths

Time: 8.30 to 3.30 pm – ample free parking

Where: Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview WA For: School leaders, student services, school psychologists, support staff Cost: \$396 (incl. GST) Early Bird: \$352 (incl. GST) ends 21 April 2023 Includes: Morning tea & lunch + comprehensive participant manual Registration: Please register online here (limited places) or QR code



The impact on student wellbeing of bullying is well documented. It is estimated that one student in four reports bullying in person, and one in five reports online bullying. All students involved in bullying need support, including those who are bullied, those bullying others and those who are bystanders. Effective bystander responses can be explicitly taught and encouraged.

This workshop provides participants with current knowledge and hands-on skills to implement practical and effective interventions to address bullying and enhance relationships. Research is translated into effective school practices. Strategies are based on positive psychology principles with the goal of improving student wellbeing and peer relationships as a protective factor against bullying as well as interventions to resolve bullying incidents.



The program includes:

- key prevention & early intervention whole-school strategies to improve and restore relationships
- current research on what does and does not work
- resolving bullying incidents using restorative approaches including the (Pikas) Shared Concern
- student centred approaches (incl. bystanders)
- strategies for teachers, parents & students (*multi-tiered* approaches)
- addressing a range of bullying issues (incl. social media)

Comprehensive manual provided: with checklists, scripts, guidelines, readings & research.

About the presenter

Coosje Griffiths is a trained teacher and registered psychologist. She has extensive knowledge and experience across a range of school settings of bullying prevention and response. She was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the issue of bullying and violence in the UK, Norway, the USA and Canada. Coosje has worked extensively in preventing and managing bullying in schools, presenting and consulting locally, nationally and internationally, applying research to practice. She has published widely and worked on a range of national projects with leading academics such as Prof Ken Rigby & Prof Anatol Pikas and as a key contributor to national initiatives- *Bullying. No Way!* and the National Centre Against Bullying. Coosje was recently employed as a liability expert witness for an international law firm in a successful court case involving school bullying. She is undertaking post graduate studies in education at UWA and works as a consultant to schools.

