

# Raising the Bar

## Workshops for Year 5/6 students, parents, and teachers



Purple Orange has co-designed workshops to help students, parents and teachers understand inclusion and their role in it.

### **So why is this important and why are we doing this work?**

Research shows that students who feel accepted, included, and involved in their school are more likely to be engaged in classroom learning, extracurricular activities, interpersonal relationships, and in the wider school community.

Inclusion at school is the start of inclusion in life, and students that have access to inclusive education are more likely to progress to further education and mainstream employment as adults.

In 2021, the youth unemployment rate in South Australia was 10 to 15%. Unfortunately, people living with disability are less likely to be employed than those without disability. In fact, the unemployment rates for people living with disability are double that of people without disability. We want this to change and part of this change starts here – in schools. We need to make sure young people living with disability are authentically included within mainstream settings. Educating all students on inclusion, disability and diversity is the first step towards achieving an inclusive society.

### **The workshop series**

There are two workshops. One for students in Year 5/6 during school, and one for teachers and parents after school. Each workshop is 90 minutes.

The workshop for students has been designed to allow students to develop skills and knowledge relating to

- Inclusive school communities
- Disability and diversity
- Identity vs labels
- Allyship

The workshop for teachers and parents covers

- Inclusive education
- Challenging assumptions
- Being a role model for allyship
- Raising aspirations for students living with disabilities

The content in the teacher workshop translates into the classroom by supporting all students through inclusive practices. Teachers will also understand how raising the expectations they have of students living with disabilities positively impacts student outcomes, now and in the future.

The teacher workshops are open for any primary school teachers, leadership, and support staff. Staff will receive a certificate of attendance for the workshops.

The workshops are **free**, there is no cost for the school or participants.



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**What do we need from you?**

The school will need to provide

- a class of Year 5, Year 6, or Year 5/6 students
- a classroom or quiet space with a TV/Interactive whiteboard for each workshop
- a teacher to support the class for the student workshop
- student access to iPads/laptops is preferred, but not essential.

**When can we deliver the workshops?**

The workshops will be delivered starting Term 1 in 2022. The days and times are negotiable.

**Need more information?**

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