

Operation Empathy

community & teamwork

for primary school



Learning Focus

The **Operation Empathy** incursion is designed to help students to think about the people they share their home, classroom, school and world with. The incursion focuses on working as a member of a team and community and how we can best cooperate, communicate, appreciate, encourage and thrive when part of a team. We challenge students to think about the value of all people – greater than just their group of friends and people who may be similar to them. Through a variety of **interactive activities, games, discussion, stories, multi-media, and video** the workshop helps students to enact empathy by thinking about putting themselves in someone else's situation and taking positive actions that create a stronger community.

The **Operation Empathy** incursion is recommended for all primary students from lower to upper primary – adapted to suit the age level of the students. In addition to the student incursion, a complimentary teacher resource manual & curriculum is provided that can be implemented & modified to extend the learning outcomes in the classroom over several weeks.

Values for Life Incursions

Values for Life is an educational program that provides student incursion workshops and teaching resources. These enable young people to develop community building values, make wise choices and fulfil their potential.



Incursion Details

- * Sessions are interactive and involve a variety of games, stories, discussion and multi-media to engage and educate
- * Flexible to your timetable - catering for single, half-day or full-day sessions
- * Single sessions are between 60 and 90 minutes (depending upon year level)
- * Follow-up lesson plans and resources for teachers are included
- * Parent sessions are also offered on a number of topics
- * Costs are calculated on the number of sessions and location. Call or email us for a quick quote.



Values for Life

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Key concepts covered in the session:

- ▶ What is a healthy community is and that this takes an ongoing effort
- ▶ It's okay for me and others to think, look and act differently
- ▶ Students (not just teachers) contribute to the culture of the school
- ▶ Empathy is an important element in creating good friendships, community and helps us to get along with others
- ▶ The impact of our words and actions on others and ourselves
- ▶ An important element of friendship is communication, empathy and trust
- ▶ Basic conflict resolution skills
- ▶ Trust is an important element in any relationship
- ▶ The importance of valuing others and how to make a positive difference
- ▶ We need support & need to support others

Essential Learning Standards

Values for Life Incursions present an interactive and engaging student learning program that intertwines elements of all three strands of the curriculum, the key focus is on the following dimensions:

- **Building social relationships and working in teams** (Interpersonal Development)
- **Listening, viewing and responding** (Communication)

The table below shows those dimensions addressed and degree of emphasis provided:

Strand	Domain	Dimension	Included	Major Focus	Teacher Manual
Physical, Personal & Social Learning	Health & PE	* Movement & physical activity * Health knowledge & promotion	X	X	X
	Interpersonal Development	* Building social relationships * Working in teams		X X	X X
	Personal Learning	* The individual learner * Managing Personal learning		X X	X X
	Civics & Citizenship	* Civics knowledge and understanding * Community engagement		X X	X X
Discipline-based Learning	The Arts, English, Humanities, LOTE, Maths & Science	* Knowledge, understanding & skills gained through the domains	X		X
Interdisciplinary Learning	Communication	* Listening, viewing & responding * Presenting		X X	X X
	Thinking Processes	* Reasoning, processing & inquiry * Creativity, reflection & metacognition		X X	X X