



# **TECHNO BULLY**

## **A PLAY ABOUT CYBER BULLYING**

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### **THE TEAM**

Trisha Starrs has been writing and directing plays for young people for the last 30 years. The two actors performing in Techno bully are both drama graduates and have extensive experience in theatre and working with high school students.

### **THE PLAY**

Kathy is the new girl at Crono Beach High and shortly after she arrives finds herself being bullied via text messaging and social networking sites. Kathy finds it impossible to protect herself from cyber bullying as she knows nothing about it. A male student befriends her but can Kathy trust him? He seems sympathetic but Kathy doesn't know what to do or who to trust in this very new kind of situation.

Kathy's dilemma enables an exploration of cyber bullying. The play exposes the misuse of new technologies and offers strong, positive strategies to deal with this growing problem. Actors also offer an informal and friendly debrief session after the play.

### **COMMENTS FROM SCHOOLS**

Close to 300 students sat enthralled throughout. Their enthused questions at the conclusion further endorsed their total level of engagement. It was completely relevant. Great performance - appropriately pitched, lots of energy, lots of skill. The play explained vital issues and invited the students into a thought-provoking analysis of a world that is all too real for them and often not questioned. - **Marymount College SA**

"Very positive. Students enjoyed the performance but also were very aware of the messages of the play. Presentation was very professional." - **St. Mary's Anglican Girls' School, WA**

'Techno Bully' was well received by the students-they were engaged and follow up activities were great. So much better than a "lecture" about cyber bullying! - **Dubbo College**

The students enjoyed the humour but also understood the serious message. They felt for Kathy and the situation she was in. A very relevant topic.-**Ulverstone High School.**

**SUITABILITY: Years 7-12 DURATION: 55 MINUTES + DISCUSSION TEACHER NOTES PROVIDED**

**COST PER STUDENT: \$6 + 60c GST**

**MINIMUM PER SESSION: \$660 (\$600 + \$60 GST) - IF 100 STUDENTS OR LESS**