

# THE CYBER BULLY

A Play about bullying and new technologies



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### THE TEAM

The author, Trisha Starrs, has been writing, performing and directing plays for young people for the last 20 years. The two actors in this production are university graduates and have strong backgrounds in theatre, education and working with children. All performers have public liability insurance and working with children checks.

### THE PLAY

Zoe and her cousin Edward have a lot of time on their hands as they both have busy parents. They love playing computer games until Zoe realises she can bully the girls she doesn't like in her class using her favourite social networking sites and their mobile phones. Zoe and Edward have a lot of fun terrorizing kids while being completely anonymous and experiencing no consequences for their actions. However Zoe goes too far and experiences binge texting, textiety and post traumatic text disorder while turning on her only friend and accomplice Edward with devastating results for both of them.

**The Cyber Bully** is an entertaining play that explores the serious issue of cyber bullying among young people. The play looks at the negative use of texting, social networking sites (facebook) and unauthorized use of pictures and footage. There will be a de-brief session offered after the performance where the students can ask the actors questions. The actors will address important issues that are raised during the performance and occur due to cyber bullying.

**SUITABILITY: grade 3 - year 9 DURATION: 55 MINUTES + DISCUSSION**

**TEACHER NOTES PROVIDED**

**COST PER STUDENT: \$4 + 40c GST**

**MINIMUM PER SESSION: \$616 (\$560 + \$56 GST) IF 120 STUDENTS OR LESS**