Youth Workshop

TITLE: SAM Implementation Workshop In School

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ISSUE:

Oscar and I believe the local drug epidemic is affecting young adults, and teens in our school community. Worst of all, we fear the target of this epidemic will soon hit younger students from ages 12-15 who are unaware of the short/long term consequences of drug taking, and the ease of addiction.

HOW DID YOU IDENTIFY IT AS AN ISSUE:

We believe that many young people use drugs with a carefree attitude and in unsafe conditions with little supervision. It is also evident that many young people are lacking knowledge in the long-term effects of drug use as well as the dangers of drug addiction. With increasing glorification of drug use in media and higher levels of internet accessibility to younger audiences, we believe that these younger audiences need to be equipped with the proper education on the things they're viewing

RESEARCH

Oscar and I implemented a 'drug questions' box in a year 10 PE class, wondering if we'd get a response. We received around 20 questions from a class of 25, strongly suggesting there is uncertainty about drug taking, and the results. Teens have questions that aren't being answered, which is a serious problem to the safety of our peers.

ACTIONS

Our research and actions were correlated.

FEEDBACK / ASSISTANCE
- How do we change the social dynamic and perception toward drug taking in young adults into something unromantic/glorified?
- How do we educate young people on the precautions to take when adamant on drug taking?
- What is the Tweed Shire Council doing to help our school, and local community with drugs, drug education, and prevention/precautions?

POTENTIAL GUESTS

- Mr Scott Thompson (School Principal)
- Mr Peter Serone
- An individual with personal negative experiences of teenagers using illegal drugs
- Someone who specialises in dealing with teenage drug issues that can provide statistical information on the dangers of drug use

WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS

<<Is there anything you need for your workshop>>

Tick	Requirement
N	**Access to a computer to display a power point** – *Please bring presentation on USB and / or email through. Presentations need to be in Microsoft Power Point format.*
Y	**Printing for handouts** – *Printing this page to hand out*
N	**Other** – Please specify