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JAIMEE

Jaimee loves playing soccer, is passionate about helping those in need and wants to become a doctor. She has a Uruguayan background and in this video, explores the importance of having a supportive network at home and school. Her initial experience when she came out at school as a lesbian wasn't a positive one, but after shifting to an alternative high school, she discovered a supportive group of friends.

Jaimee discusses simple changes that teachers and students can make to ensure their classrooms and schools are supportive and safe places.



NEVO

Nevo is a positive and confident young person with the same hopes and dreams as many young people. He tells a powerful story about growing up with the knowledge that the female sex assigned to him at birth did not match who he knew he truly was. He speaks about the unique challenges facing transgender people and how the people in their lives can be supportive. He also comments on the important difference between gender identity and sexual identity. Nevo's story will help to dismantle fears and stereotypes about transgender and gender diverse people.



JORDAN

Jordan is studying plant science, loves music and lives with his big Italian family. He is attracted to both boys and girls and identifies as bisexual. However, Jordan doesn't like labels and doesn't believe that his sexuality is his most defining feature. Jordan attended a school that had firm strategies in response to homophobia and biphobia and he speaks about the positive impact this had on his life. Jordan explains some of the ways that people can be supportive of someone when they come out to them and the importance of finding supportive groups.



MICHAEL

Michael grew up in country Victoria before moving to Melbourne to study science and engineering. He is a good footy player and enjoys rowing. Michael explains that coming out as gay doesn't change who a person is and in this video, questions some of the stereotypes people may have about this experience. Although he feared coming out to his brother and sister, he found that doing so made their relationship stronger. He talks about the positive impact that providing support to a young gay person can have, including the importance of avoiding discriminatory language like saying 'that's so gay'.



VIVIAN

Vivian grew up in a Chinese and Vietnamese family. She finds it funny how most Australians pronounce Phở. On the weekends you can find her running and jumping around Melbourne with her Parkour teammates. A budding chef who loves finding more ways to incorporate Oreos into various desserts, Vivian is only 17 yet has already had a lifetime of experiences. Vivian is bisexual. For her, it is not the gender but the person you fall in love with. She attends a supportive and welcoming Catholic high school and describes in this video how schools can be important supports for LGBTI young people.



PHOEBE

Phoebe is an award winning young filmmaker from Brisbane. She loves spending time with her family and friends, playing ultimate frisbee, Bollywood dancing and gardening. Phoebe is intersex and has androgen insensitivity syndrome (AIS). This means that, even though Phoebe identifies as a woman, she has male chromosomes and her body does not respond to hormones in the same way that most girls' bodies do. Phoebe explains what it means to be intersex and the difficult experience of not having a shared experience of puberty with friends. She also speaks about the positive difference that having supportive friends can make.



MARGOT

Margot enjoys photography, filmmaking, art and design. Her cultural background is both Malaysian and Romanian and she grew up with the traditions of both the Jewish and Catholic faiths. Margot explains that being transgender is about how you feel inside and how you see yourself. She speaks about what it's like to grow up being told you're a boy when you know you're a girl and feeling as though you have to ignore this very important part of who you are. Margot's experience of coming out to herself and to others as transgender was challenging but ultimately positive. She explains how important it is to have the support of friends and family.



Safe Schools Coalition Australia is nationally convened by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) in partnership with expert organisations in each state and territory. We are proud to be helping schools to build safer and more inclusive learning environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, school staff, and families. Ask to get your school involved.

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