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Joshua Schloss Testimonial

Josh began working with Bellmere State School late in 2018 as a result of the school's need for improving the way that students view themselves (their values) and also developing their ability to be a member of a team/community. Josh began working with our Year 6 cohort (students and staff) to assist us in establishing positive relationships and a sense of team. He has continued to support our school staff and students across Years 2-6 in becoming more effective team players and developing core values that support healthy relationships and respectful interactions within our school community.

Josh's work around the 'Code of Honour' is a framework that has really engaged our students. His use of Virtual Reality as way to open his teaching and hook his audience to bring about discussion of perception vs. reality has been one of the many highlights. He supported staff to use a language for which we now discuss and monitor group dynamic, a sense of 'team', and the development of personal values. Josh has also taken the time to understand our school context to ensure that his message and work is consistent with our existing school values.

Josh has a vibrant personality that allows him to form strong relationships with the students from very early on in his work with them. He runs his sessions always reflecting and adapting his content to suit the context and cohort; students and staff alike. His pursuit in providing the best possible opportunities for his work to be successful has seen him develop resources as a result of his work with our school, namely a Prep to Year 2-friendly way of teaching and understanding the core messages of the Code of Honour. The interactive sessions that Josh facilitates with his groups directly reflect his core message of developing values using the Code of Honour. The students get a real sense of what it takes to support each other and put people before the task.

The resources Josh has created has supported teachers in being able to implement his Code of Honour work in their classrooms. Many of our teachers have purchased these resources and have given positive feedback about how they have been able to seamlessly incorporate these into their daily classroom routines and teachings.

Josh is an engaging presenter who has successfully encouraged and inspired change in areas across our school. I would highly recommend Josh and his work to any school in need of developing young people into respectful and considerate team players who focus on ensuring that each other is supported as the main priority.

