The Whole Student

More than just Literacy and Numeracy
Brisbane Youth Education and Training Centre

School demographic

- Up to 120 students at any one time
- All boys in Queensland from Rockhampton downward
- All girls in Queensland
- 45 – 50% Indigenous
- 20% Students With Disabilities
- 25% Students in Care
Centre Philosophy

A Therapeutic approach instead of purely a Disciplinary approach
The 5 Keys of YCDI! Education

Confidence
Persistence
Organisation
Getting Along
Resilience
Caring for Kids

• Delivered by the “Save the Children” foundation
• Students with particular needs are first into the program
  • Pregnant girls
  • Fathers to be
  • Parents
  • Students who have expressed their wish to be parents ASAP

• Mixed focus areas
  • Hands on baby care (think it over dolls)
  • How to play with children
  • Coping with stress
  • Effects of domestic violence on children
  • Children’s rights and responsibilities
Sex Education

- Delivered by the Ipswich Sexual Health Centre
- 6 Students at any one time (Currently 2 classes running)
- Particular group focus
  - Intellectually Impaired students
  - Indigenous boys (Indigenous teachers and deliverers)
  - Girls
  - All others
- Teacher present and co-teaches
- Focus not just on physicality's of sex
  - Healthy relationships
  - Legal issues
  - No means No
  - STI’s
  - Hygiene
  - Healthy body
Indigenous Urban Health Program

- Aimed solely at Indigenous students
- Focuses on various health issues
  - Nutrition
  - Smoking
  - Drinking
  - Various substance abuse
  - Indigenous chronic diseases
  - Exercise
Girl Talk

- After school program for girls only
- Teacher and 3 TA’s
- No pens allowed
- Variety of formats
  - Chat sessions
  - Food preparation
  - Guest speakers
  - Beauty sessions

- Variety of topics
  - What makes a great boyfriend
  - Why it can suck to be a girl
  - Healthy body
  - Domestic violence
  - Sexual Health
  - Friendships
  - Looking good
Being a girl sucks sometimes

- Girls are the ones who have to go through childbirth
- Girls are the only ones who have to carry a baby around for 9 months (ruining their figure)
- Only girls get periods
- Only girls go through menopause
- Only girls have to carry breasts around permanently
- Only girls can breastfeed
- Girls are usually expected to do most of the housework
- Girls are usually expected to do most of the child rearing
- If girls have lots of boyfriends they are labelled a tart, boys are labelled studs

- Finish session with the following questions.
- What would suck about being a boy?
- What are some really cool things about being a girl?
Deportment Program

- Deportment
- Etiquette
- Wardrobe
- Photo posing
- Interview skills
- Haircare
- Makeup
- Graduation dinner
School Sports

- Sports hall
- Oval
- Swimming Pool
- Gymnasium
- Regular sports days
- Interschool sports
  - Soccer
  - Rugby
  - Futsal (girls)
Beacon Foundation

- Non-profit, Industry funded nationally based Foundation
- Designed to make links between Industry and Youth
- MOU with us as a trial detention setting school
- Keen to make links with other detention centres
- Have progressed in first year with some programs
  - Speed Careering
  - Lunch with the girls
  - Business lunches with student ambassadors
Beacon in the Future

- Continue with current programs in-school
- Have applied for funding for future work placement programs
- Industry visits
- Work experience placements
- School based traineeships for successful students
Indigenous Programs

- Close the Gap committee
- NAIDOC Week celebrations
- Elders program
- Promotion of indigenous issues in all areas of schooling and planning
Students With Disabilities

- Variety of disability types
  - Intellectual Impairment
  - Autistic Spectrum Disorder
  - Hearing Impairment
  - Speech Language Impairment
- Verifications / testing
- Individual Education Programs (IEP)
- Modified class settings
- Student Support Services committee
- PD for all staff (Education and whole centre)
- Specialised support
  - Speech Language Pathologist
  - Educational Interpreter
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Guidance Officer
  - Psychiatrist
Students in Care

- Education Support Plans
- Applications for funding
- Teacher Aide Full-Time devoted to students in care
  - Establishing relationships
  - Supports issues (eg subject changes, problems with other students)
  - Delivers individualised literacy and numeracy programs