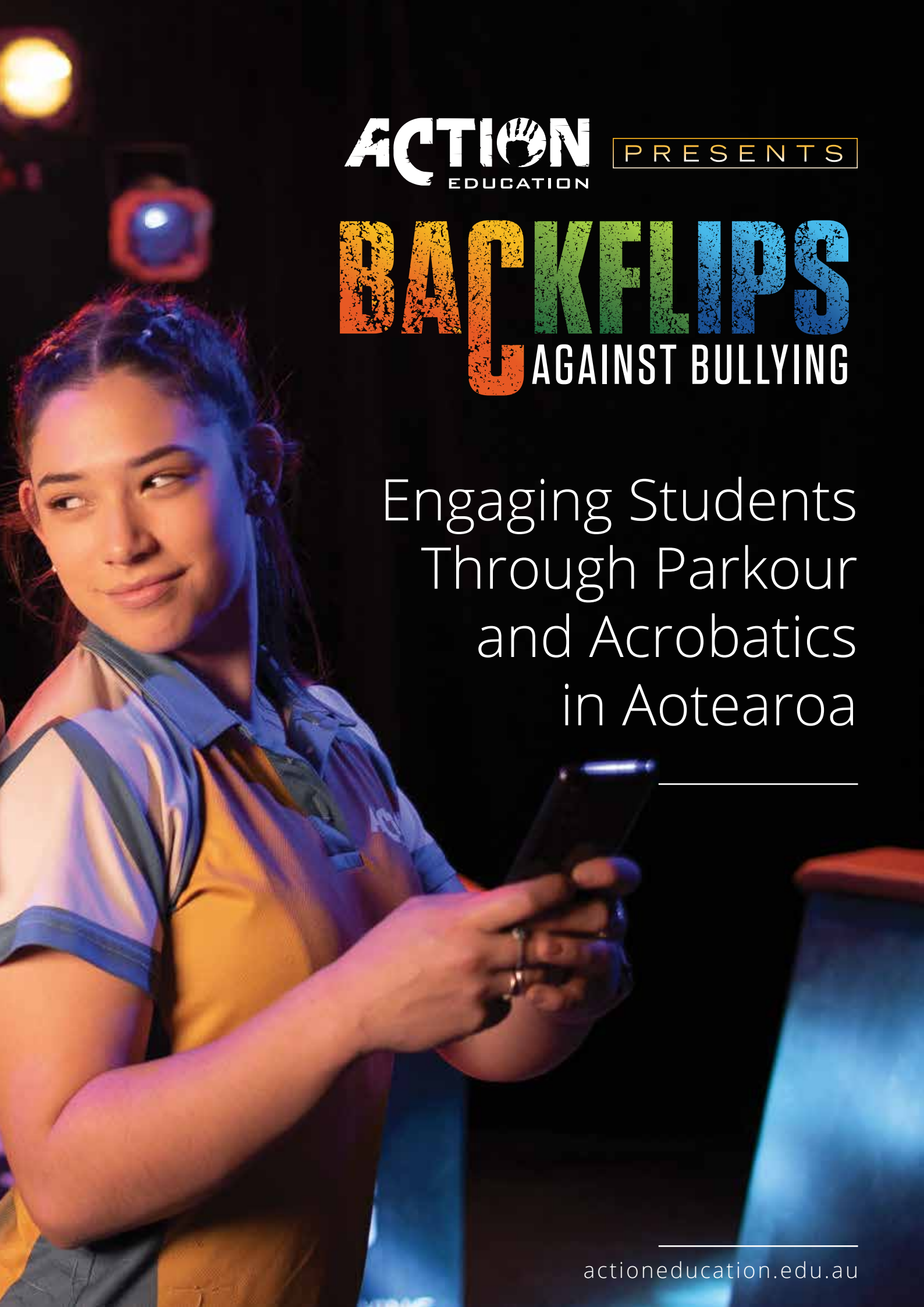

ACTION EDUCATION PRESENTS

BACKFLIPS AGAINST BULLYING

Engaging Students Through Parkour and Acrobatics in Aotearoa

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Director Address From Samwise

As the Director of Action Education, I’m very proud of the overwhelming support and positive responses the programs have received across Australia and the UK, and we’re excited to bring the programme to New Zealand schools for the first time.

The impact of extended COVID-19 lockdowns on the wellbeing and mental health of students has led to increased instances and severity of bullying in schools as students reacclimate. Students have needed to relearn how to relate to one another, and there has been a huge demand for anti-bullying education in an engaging and dynamic way.

The programme has been facilitated in over 400 schools, with nearly 50% engaged on our Annual Recurring Programme. The topics covered through the performances and resources align with the Bullying Prevention and Response Guide, the Mental Health Education Guide, and the New Zealand Curriculum, ensuring a well-rounded approach to bullying education for ākonga.

We look forward to continuing to make a consistent and meaningful difference to the lives of students in New Zealand and across the globe.

What is Backflips Against Bullying?

Engaging Students through Parkour and Acrobatics.

Backflips Against Bullying is a programme for both Primary and High Schools, that features high-energy 1 Hour performances by our teams of incredible acrobats.

We have multiple programmes for every year group, in addition to classroom resources to consolidate the learning after the performance day.

When students are engaged, they learn. So we engage them with Backflips, and we teach them about Bullying.

- ✓ **Evidence and research supported**
- ✓ **Aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum, Mental Health Education Guide, and Bullying Prevention and Response Guide**
- ✓ **Facilitated in over 400 schools for students aged 5 to 17.**

3-Pronged Approach

1

Build Them Strong: Teaching Resilience and Practical Tools to help Victims

2

Social Influence: Empowering students to hold each other accountable

3

Classroom Consolidation: Providing Comprehensive Teachers Resources

"The role play was sensational. Having students involved was fantastic and obviously the backflips were AMAZING!"

- Nambour State College

"Entertaining, relevant and engaging."

- Fairfield West Public School

Not only were the performers highly skilled, they were also articulate and challenged the boys when discussing very important issues linked to bullying."

- Champagnat Catholic College

“All students were totally engaged, amazed by the flipping and drama. I’d never seen them all so engrossed in something.”

- Bolwarra Public School

Why Backflips?

BECAUSE ENGAGED STUDENTS LEARN.

Parkour and flips are one of the fastest growing trends amongst students.

Teachers should be allowed to focus on what they do best; teaching. By addressing bullying on a social level, we can empower students to hold each other accountable. Let’s take action together and build a harassment-free school environment that saves lives.

Education is based on content and engagement, but we know that great content alone is not enough to educate students who do not want to learn. Additionally, those who need to hear this message the most are often the hardest to engage with. In steps Backflips Against Bullying! Our programme was created as a step [and a few flips] above workbooks and activities to engage and energize your students.

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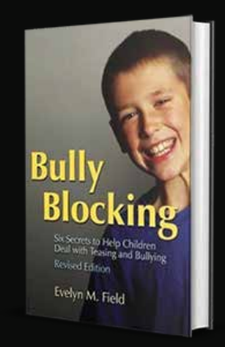
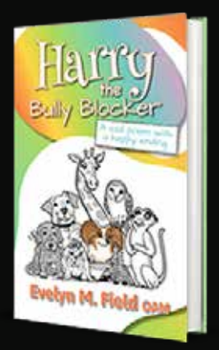
Evidence-Based Approach

THE BACKFLIPS AGAINST BULLYING PROGRAMME IS SUPPORTED BY BULLYING EXPERT AND PSYCHOLOGIST EVELYN M. FIELD, OAM.

Evelyn M. Field, OAM is a practising counselling psychologist in Melbourne and a Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society. She was awarded her OAM for her initiatives for school and workplace bullying. Evelyn is also the author of "Harry the Bully Blocker" (2022) and "Bully Blocking" (2007), a popular schools' guide to anti-bullying practices.





Topics We Address

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1. EMPOWERING THE BYSTANDER

Primary Schools

Having the power to stand up for one another is a core theme displayed in the programme. By addressing bullying on a social level, we'll give students the necessary tools and empower them to hold each other accountable.

2. EXIT STRATEGIES

Primary Schools

After a big acrobatic demonstration of bullying, we ask the students what could be done differently, and rewind and replay scenarios with their ideas to show what strategies can work to help the situation.

3. RETALIATION

Primary Schools

In a comedy filled segment [with an extremely over-the-top teacher character!], we demonstrate how retaliating gives the bully exactly what they want; and you will get into trouble as well.

4. RESILIENCE

Primary & High Schools

Stay calm and be kind; if you do these two things you can shut down verbal harassment straight away. We bring up a volunteer to help us show the students just how effective this really is.

5. SELF-REFLECTION

Primary & High Schools

Those who display bullying behaviours need to be helped as well, not just the victims. After a vulnerable segment where our team discusses times they may have bullied another person in their life, we encourage the students to acknowledge any mistakes they may have made in the past, and commit to making a change.

6. CYBER-BULLYING

Primary & High Schools

As a Trusted E-Safety Provider with the Australian Government, we will demonstrate the different ways you can shut down forms of harassment that occur using technology, in a segment filled with humour and parkour.

7. AGGRESSION & ITS CONSEQUENCES

High Schools

After an exciting choreographed demonstration, the students will be faced with the reality that assault is a crime, and that there is no principals office in the real world. We talk about worst case scenarios, and the ripple effect that aggression can have on your life and your relationships.

8. SUICIDE & DEPRESSION

High Schools

Taking a break from the comedy & acrobatics, we have a serious discussion with the students about how your actions can have severe consequences for the mental health of your peers.

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Primary School Roadmap

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME **A**

Backflips Against Bullying Performance

- Empowering The Bystander
- Exit Strategies for the Victim
- Deliberate Social Exclusion
- The Consequences of Retaliation
- Whole-School Action

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME **B**

Backflips Against Bullying Performance

- Resilience
- Cyber-Bullying
- Physical, Verbal and Social Harassment
- The Consequences of our Actions
- Acknowledging Our Mistakes and Making a Change

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME **C**

Backflips Against Bullying Performance

- Bully-Proofing and Making Friends
- Practical Resilience Tools
- Interactive Group Reflection
- Rumours
- Consolidating Messages from Programmes A and B

ANNUAL RECURRING PROGRAMME

The students will experience a new programme each year. Each programme has a junior and senior variant, and so in the 4th year when Programme A returns to the school, the students will be seeing a new variation.

This develops a consistency in the cultural development of the students, meaning that every student that passes through your school will have experienced all 3 programmes, developing the skills to create a positive social landscape together within the school.

High School Roadmap

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME **A**

Backflips Against Bullying Performance

- **Power Dynamics and Resilience**
- **Cyber-Bullying**
- **Physical, Verbal and Social Harassment**
- **Real World Consequences**
- **Targeted and Repeated Harassment**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME **B**

Backflips Against Bullying Performance

- **Practical Resilience Tools**
- **Aggression**
- **Playing the Social Game**
- **Rumours**
- **Interactive Group Reflection**
- **Consolidating Messages from Programme A**

ANNUAL RECURRING PROGRAMME

Keep the messaging consistent for every student that passes through your school with a Recurring Programme. Each year, the incoming Year 7 cohort will experience the Backflips Programme A. The returning Year 8 group will experience the Backflips Programme B the following year. Let's build a resilient and empathetic student body throughout your school, and continue educating them each year. Ask us what this would look like for your school structure!

Cost

SINGLE

1 Show | 1 Day

$2,400

NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED

DOUBLE

2 Shows | 1 Day

$3,400

NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED

*Additonal travel fees may be applicable

Example Day Schedule

This schedule will be customised to fit your bell times.
Each Performance runs for Approximately 1 Hour

SINGLE SHOW SCHEDULE

8:30am Arrival and Team Setup
10:00am Backflips Against Bullying Performance
11:00am Finish and Team Packup

DOUBLE SHOW SCHEDULE

8:30am Arrival & Team Setup
10:00am Backflips Against Bullying Performance #1
11:00am First Break (approximate time)
11:30pm Backflips Against Bullying Performance #2
12:30pm Finish & Team Packup

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"This is why you should call them for your school. If you say totally yes to this you're awesome, if it was no you're probably going to be insane or die!"

- Mikayla, Year 2

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