Student school project on bullying (Years 8–10)

Your teacher has set an assignment and you’ve decided to research bullying. That’s great. It’s an important topic.

Where do I start?

Now you may be wondering “where can I get good information for my school project on bullying?”.

Bullying. No Way! has lots of information to help you, and we provide links to other good website and information. To help you or your group in your research, we’ve collected a list of commonly asked questions and provided links to our pages and other reliable sources of information to help you find the answers.

We have information specifically about bullying. You may also find it useful to look up websites about ‘Respectful Relationships’ to see how that approach can help.

Remember to refer back to the criteria provided by your teacher in terms of the initial question, style, length and content requirements for the assignment.

Things to keep in mind when looking for sources of information

- Choose sites and documents that use helpful language. Calling a child a bully or a victim can make things worse and even make it harder to find a good solution. Look instead for sources that refer to what people do, and talks about bullying behaviour.
- Look for sites and documents that look for answers and not just getting back. Avoid tough and aggressive sites and campaigns that suggest we need to Stamp out bullies or Beat the bully. That might just be more bullying!
- Remember that bullying is complex and sorting it out can be tricky. Avoid sources that present bullying in a simplistic way such as bullying causes someone to do crime when they are an adult etc.

Organising your content

Some questions you may like to consider when completing your assignment include:

1. What is the definition of bullying/cyberbullying
2. What are the different types of bullying
3. What are the different roles people can play in bullying? How does being within this role affect someone in the short and the long term?
4. What steps can someone take if they are experiencing bullying/cyberbullying?
5. What is best practice for lessening bullying in schools?
6. What policies and services are in place to assist schools in reducing bullying?
7. What are the common myths surrounding bullying?
8. What are the legal ramifications around bullying?

Introduction

Definitions of bullying and cyberbullying
http://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/index.html

What are the different types of bullying?

Body paragraphs

What are the different roles people play in bullying and how does it affect them?
https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/UnderstandingBullying/WhyDoesBullyingHappen
http://au.reachout.com/How-to-stand-up-against-bullying

Why does bullying happen?
https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/UnderstandingBullying/WhyDoesBullyingHappen

What steps should someone take if they are being bullied (including cyberbullying)?
https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/YourRole/ForTeens/Pages/Im-being-bullied.aspx

What is best practice for lessening bullying in schools?
https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/RespondingToBullying/HowAustralianSchoolsRespond

What policies and services are in place to assist schools in reducing bullying?
What are the common myths surrounding bullying?
http://www.bullying.co.uk/general-advice/bullying-myths-and-facts/

What are the legal ramifications around bullying?
http://au.reachout.com/bullying-and-the-law
http://www.lawstuff.org.au/

**Conclusion**

Your conclusion will draw from the information and arguments you have already used in your project and summarise your findings and what it means for students.

**Additional general websites about bullying**

We hope the Bullying. No Way! website has all the information you need for your assignment. If you need more, the following sites also provide reliable information on bullying in Australia.

- Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner - Cyberbullying
- Bully Stoppers
- National Centre Against Bullying

It is always best to use Australian sites for Australian schools, but if you still need more information or you want to see what happens in other countries, these international sites are also reliable.

- Anti-bullying alliance (United Kingdom)
- Stop bullying (USA).