

PROJECT CREATIVE COURAGE



A school art project to help educate and encourage students to express their feelings about domesic and family violence.



WHAT IS PROJECT CREATIVE COURAGE?

Project Creative Courage is a school project.

Participating students are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings about the following statement: "What does a loving community look like?"

We encourage students to express their thoughts and feelings about this subject by creating visual art, mixed-media, poetry, prose, or another creative art form. Artworks created have the opportunity to be publicly featured:

- at the launch of the Charls Sturt 'Ripple' commemorative space on 26 November 2021
- on the <u>Spirit of Woman</u> website.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

This challenge provides a way for students to think and learn about DFV in our society, and to express their own thoughts and feelings about this topic. A creative outlet can be especially important for those students who may have been exposed on DFV in their life.

Hand and hand with this challenge is student education. Here are the key DFV stats in Australia:

- One woman each week killed by domestic homicide
- One child each fortnight killed by a parent
- 17 women a day hospitalised from domestic and family violence
- Almost 700 reports of domestic violence reported to the police every day in Australia*

There has never been a more important time to change the discourse around DFV, and we believe it starts with the next generation.

*Natasha Stott Despoja, National Press Club

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Any school has the opportunity to get involved. We ask that your school drives this program internally.

If you would like to get involved, simply contact Spirit of Woman to say that you are going to participate. Our details are below:

Phone: 0419 929 456

Email: helen@spiritofwoman.com.au

If you are interested in having someone come to your school to talk more about Spirit of Woman, our aims, and our vision for DFV in the future, then please also contact us.

HOW ARE YOU SUPPORTING US?

Spirit of Woman is a not-for-profit organisation, seeking to end the silence and raise awareness about the impact of domestic and family violence (DFV).

We intend to establish contemporary, commemorative public artworks named 'Ripples' around South Australia to acknowledge the impact of DFV on people, families, our community, and our country, creating a public face, to a private problem. These spaces will have multiple uses from being a place for private reflection, healing, connection and solitude, to a place for community gatherings, vigils, and marches.

There are over 1,700 monuments dedicated to war, and right now, none are dedicated to those who have died or suffered from DFV - and we want to change this.

This school art challenge will be featured at the launch of one of our first DFV commemorative sites at **Charles Sturt on 26 November 2021**. We would like to create a unique launch experience that evokes emotion, and what better way to do this than through art, with the next generation. We hope you can get involved in this educative, exciting and thought-provoking school opportunity.







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