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Abstract title:	Social Media, Sexuality and Student Voice
	<p>Want to inspire, motivate, challenge and dream?</p> <p>This presentation will explore an innovative approach used to enhance the wellbeing of Y9 students.</p> <p>How did this come about? Through collaboration between...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Health Promoter, a Teacher and an Applied Theatre Specialist ● The English, Drama and Sexuality Education Learning Areas ● The Teacher-Facilitators and Y9 students ● <p>Inspiration came from a glimpse into the life of Kayla. Kayla provided a strong source of identification for the students and they related readily to her life. The use of basic process drama strategies enabled students to shape the narrative to reflect their interests and the issues most relevant to them. Underpinning this approach was:</p> <p><i>The need to elicit student voice</i></p> <p><i>A focus on empowering students to take responsibility for the content and direction of their learning</i></p> <p><i>The creation of a safe forum for the discussion of sensitive issues</i></p> <p><i>Fostering high engagement levels through 'active' participation</i></p> <p>"It was more enjoyable because we could be part of it, not just listen." (Feedback - Y9 Student 2019)</p>