

NAME OF THE SERVICE/PRODUCT

People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria Inc.
HIV Positive Speakers Bureau.

Brief description of the service/product (PLEASE NOTE WHERE THE SERVICE OR PRODUCT FITS WITHIN THE WHOLE-SCHOOL SEXUALITY EDUCATION MODEL.)

The Bureau is a highly committed group of HIV Positive people who seek to educate the wider community on the issues of living with HIV/AIDS. Our speakers are the human face of HIV/AIDS and help to reduce myths and discrimination.

The Speakers Bureau Coordinators position is funded by the BBV/STI Program of the Department of Human Services.

WHAT THE SERVICE CAN OFFER SCHOOLS TO SUPPORT THEIR SEXUALITY EDUCATION

Key messages are delivered on safe sex, STI prevention, sexual safety, and the promotion of safer behaviour for the youth of Victoria. Homophobia, sexuality, social justice and equity of access can be discussion points.

Our speakers work with the latest facts about HIV/AIDS. Our talks are informed by the training frameworks of the Department of Education and Training such as the *Catching On* resource, the State and National HIV/AIDS and STI Strategies and research from the Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society such as the *HIV Futures*, *Writing Themselves in Again* and *Safety in our Schools: Responding to Homophobia*.

20 speakers are qualified Certificate IV Assessment and Workplace Trainers.

We speak to over 3500 people per year.

The majority of talks are to years 9 -12 Secondary school students. Other talks are to Universities, Hospitals, NGO's and Community organisations and the corporate sector.

COSTS

Booking fee: \$15.00 per speaker

Speaking fee: \$80.00 per hour per speaker

Travel reimbursement: \$20 metro area, \$30 outer metro area, rural talks subject to a negotiated fee.

When financial constraints limit your access to the service we can negotiate to have the talk sponsored at no cost.

Any limitations of the service (e.g. geographical, only secondary or primary school setting)

Rural talks take considerable resources. However we always try to arrange the talk.

Contact information (and website address etc)

For further information or to book a speaker contact Max Niggl on (03) 9865 6771

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