

# Appendices

## Appendix A: Selected I poems

### Ardie

Next day, we walked to school  
We got called up the office and were like, 'What the heck?'

Our Deputy Principal  
He looked really frustrated  
He sat us down  
He said: Look here boys.  
We're just gonna put it straight.  
You can't walk home together  
You're going to have to walk home in groups of two  
Or just by yourself.  
I hadn't really found my voice yet  
I couldn't really put an opinion forward  
I was so young  
But yeah, we definitely thought it was racist  
Along the lines of our skin colour  
Being Brown

Another Deputy Principal  
He's Brown  
He said to us: Look boys  
I'm going to put it to you straight.  
It's definitely because you are Brown.

We don't get it because our minds are so young  
We were just in shock  
We just want to get home  
Walking home is our time to unwind  
Walking home feels like our freedom  
A daily ritual between our boys.

#### Round-robin reading

We had to go around the room.  
Everyone had to read a little section.  
I would definitely lower my eyes,  
my self esteem  
Feeling really insecure  
Just not want to be in the classroom  
I would just hope with all my heart that I wouldn't be first  
I would count every single person in the room  
I'd count every single line  
I'd just read over and over and over again to make sure  
I'd either ask the person next to me, or if it was way too hard

#### Walking home

Me and a group of other boys:  
My boys  
My friends  
We'd walk home  
Six or seven of us walking home.  
We'd wake up in the morning  
Walk to each other's houses  
Walk to school together  
Walk home together.  
Being boys, we're going to have some noise  
Play fighting, pushing around  
I just feel like that's all part of growing up.

## Carlos

I don't know

They need to show me

I don't know

I

APPARENTLY

Threatened my DP

I

don't

know

because she was small

Because of me

Saying no multiple times or something

I didn't like her after that

Because

I KNOW

I didn't

When did I threaten you?

Pretty much I stopped going

They were going to kick me out

## Tala

I just felt like, left out, and all the boys were gone...

...it hurts me aye.

## James

I was nervous and shy

I did not know anyone at the school at that time

I settled in

I made some classmates and we still chat to this day, so school was great

I was caught wagging in year 7

I was getting pressured by my friends

I hardly showed up to school

I started at High

I was making friends

I settled in

I started making the wrong decisions

I was hanging with the wrong crowd

I was being a sheep

I thought i'd be the top dog

I hated my dean

She non stop picked on me instead of not getting beside me

I ended up getting into fights and wagging my classes

I got expelled

I hated my math teacher because she disrespected me and treated me like garbage

She treated everyone equally except me

I felt left out

I reacted by swearing at the teacher

She kicked me out of her class after that

I attended a course

We all respect each other and treat each other like family

## Jaydan

I just didn't like my classes eh  
I wanted to be with my boys  
I was like in this class for extra support  
I already know what I was doing.

I got pulled in to counselling  
She thought  
I have anger management issues  
The counsellor...he was telling me to get lost  
I needed help  
I thought he was going to do something like important.

## Jonathan

I needed to compete to show my worth  
Impress my boys that I belonged

I made the effort  
I could always do the work in class  
I had a lousy attitude  
I went to play league, but got sidetracked.  
I used to experience physical abuse  
to teach me life lessons

I always carry a mix of emotions  
I'm not sure if rage seemed like the appropriate  
emotion to exhibit in the classroom

My fault  
I was excluded  
I made changes  
I wanted to go back  
I was set on a difficult path  
I handled situations.

## Junior

## Kobe

My mama passed away

I just got angry

I just started messing up in class...like throwing chairs and stuff

she tried to stop me, she was grabbing my neck

I accidentally hit her in the head...it didn't go well.

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I changed

I was in intermediate

I was quiet mostly

mocking me, were kids from my school

I just boxed them in the face.

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I didn't go to school.

I just got bullied there by the older kids

I just didn't feel like attending class

I didn't tell them that

I was getting bullied.

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I've got the tutors here

they help me a lot

I wanna come every day.

## Mafa

I didn't go in to school

I didn't go in

I walked in

I didn't know what we were doing

I just sat down

I didn't know classes

I put out the wrong book

He got angry

I have like five books in my bag

I didn't know...this was my first week

I didn't even know what to do

I didn't know if we're supposed to.

I used to lie to them

I don't come in

I'm going to get removed off the roll

I just realised

I come in next week

I didn't go in

I was removed

I deleted that email

...mum found it.

I go kicked out of school  
I didn't make it to intermediate...I wasn't allowed  
I didn't get back in to school  
I got into another school  
I went to another primary  
I was all good  
I was trying to change  
    He just came up and kicked me  
I turned around and gave mine  
I gave one of the teachers a hiding  
I gave him a hiding  
I just  
I was a threat  
I had to  
I got kicked out.

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I think it's maturity  
I've grown up  
I've been growing up  
I've been getting more mature  
I deal with things  
    They [AE tutors] help me a lot.  
I want to stay here until  
I get a job.

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I would get them more support.

I started getting bullied  
I got bullied by heaps of people every day  
I just got sick of it so...  
I beat them up  
I turned into the bully.  
I just had big anger issues  
I always used to yell at the teachers  
I used to fight over little things  
I just went up and beat them all up  
I remember a few times  
I stabbed people with the scissors  
I used to throw tantrums  
    My primary school was just full of violence.  
    My life at that time...everything was just violence.

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I was six  
    My dad got locked up  
I knew the kind of things he did  
I just turned into a younger version of him.



## Appendix B Graphic presentations

# MEET ARDIE ...

Ardie, now a 19 year old Samoan says he was "fortunate enough that we get to live with our mum and dad, two hardworking parents." Although Ardie was not an AE student, he was on the pathway to exclusion if it wasn't for some teachers that saw his potential. He now works as a tutor in AE.

**PRIMARY :**

I WAS ALWAYS IN THE LOWEST READING GROUP & THAT REALLY MADE ME FEEL INSECURE

**THEMES:**  
 TRANSITION:   
 INCLUSION:   
 TEACHER:   
 IMPACT:

THE DREADED ROUND ROBIN READING

**INTERMEDIATE :**

NO ONE IS BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE... ... EVERYONE IS VALUED

**THEMES:**  
 TEACHER IMPACT:

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL WAS A SHOCK

**THEMES:**  
 TRANSITION:

**SECONDARY :**

BOYS, YOU CAN'T WALK HOME TOGETHER. YOU'RE INTIMIDATING THE NEIGHBOURS

**THEMES:**  
 CULTURE IDENTITY:   
 TEACHER IMPACT:

YOU DO? YEAH. ME TOO

I BELIEVE IN YOU!

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# MEET ATAWHAI...

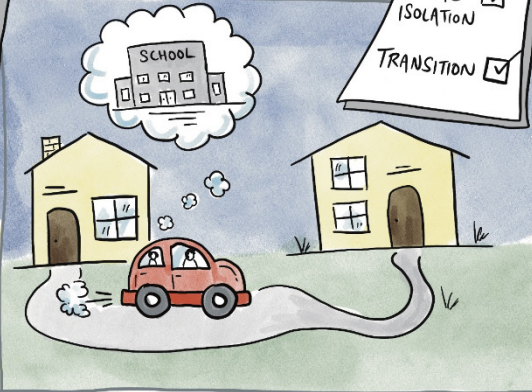
Atawhai is a 16 year old female, who is Samoan and Niuean. Atawhai lives with her parents, siblings and grandma. Samoan is often spoken in the home, but she is not fluent herself. Atawhai's Aunty also attended AE 16 years ago. Atawhai's AE teachers describe her as a sensitive, quiet and deep-thinking young person, who has difficulty feeling comfortable in mainstream schools. Atawhai is on a journey of self discovery and her sexuality causes conflict at home. She has an undisclosed health issue.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD :



THEMES:  
TEACHER IMPACT   
INCLUSION

## PRIMARY :



THEMES:  
SOCIAL ISOLATION   
TRANSITION

## SECONDARY 1.



THEMES:  
TRANSITION   
TEACHER IMPACT

## SECONDARY 2



THEMES:  
TEACHER IMPACT

## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION



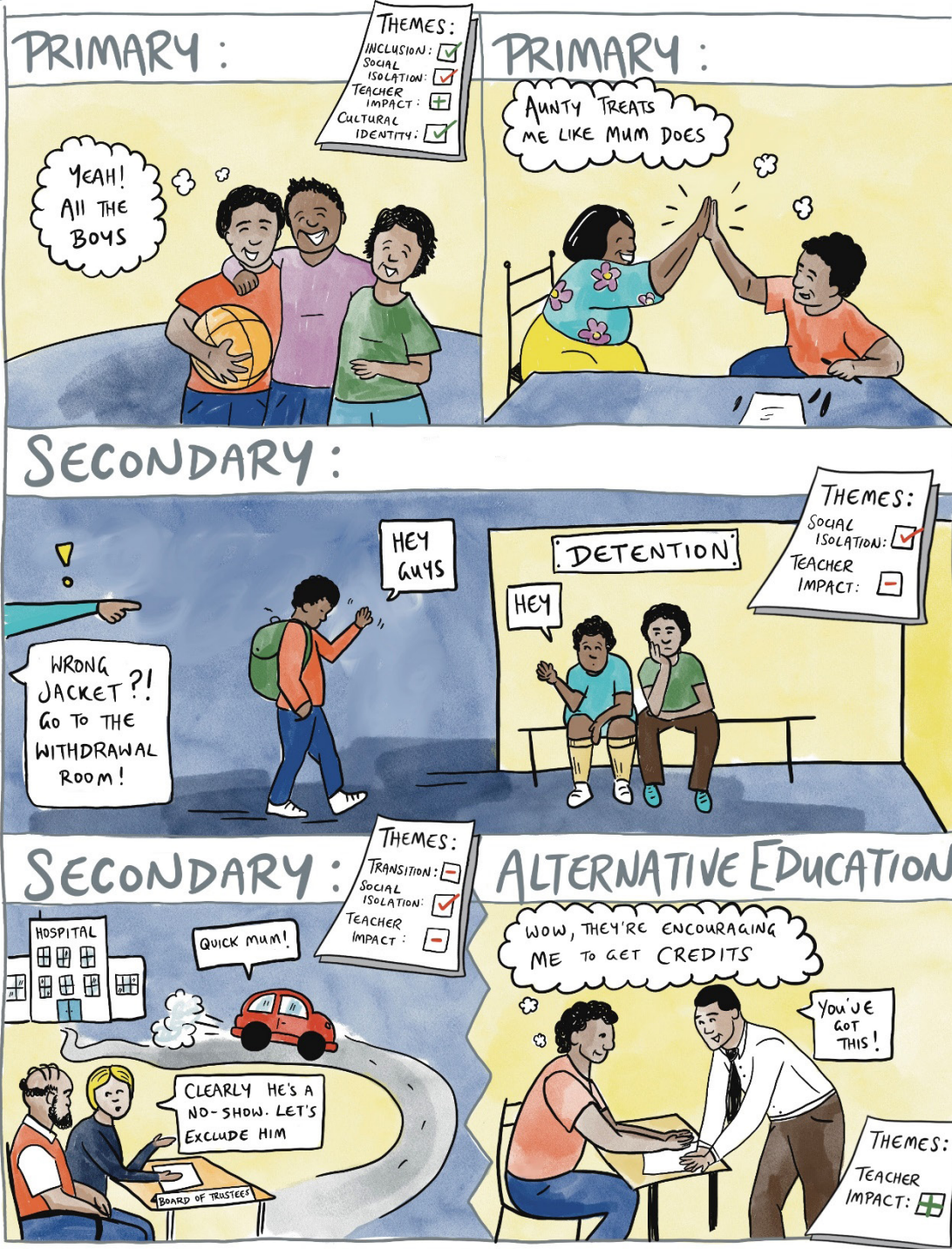
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# MEET AVONTALES...

Avontales is a 15 year old Samoan male. He is an Auckland rugby league rep. He struggles with emotional regulation. After a period in AE, he has returned to mainstream secondary school.



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# MEET JUNIOR...

Junior is a 16 year old Samoan male. His parents won a visa lottery to come to New Zealand. He arrived when he was in Year 2. He has attended multiple primary schools.

## PRIMARY:



**THEMES:**  
 SOCIAL ISOLATION:   
 TRANSITION:

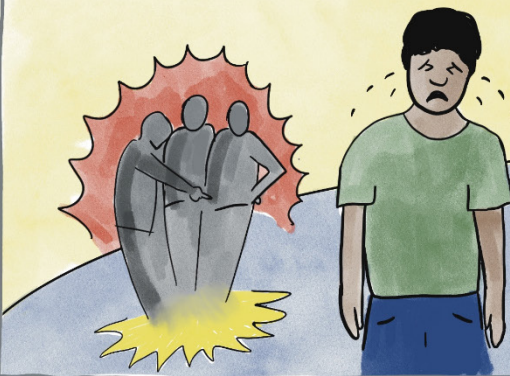
## PRIMARY:

IM LEAVING THIS JOB...  
... BE GOOD

“ I FELT NO ONE COULD PUT ME BACK IN LINE ”



## SECONDARY:



NOW, ABOUT THOSE EMAILS...

**THEMES:**  
 SOCIAL ISOLATION:   
 BULLYING:   
 TEACHER IMPACT:



## SECONDARY:



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION



**THEMES:**  
 INCLUSION:   
 TEACHER IMPACT:

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# MEET KANE...

Kane is a 15 year old male, European/Pakeha. Due to family trauma, Kane is under the care of Oranga Tamariki. He is diagnosed with ADHD & Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD :

I'M DIFFERENT TO ALL THE OTHER KIDS



THEMES:  
 SOCIAL ISOLATION   
 BULLYING   
 TEACHER IMPACT

## PRIMARY :

DAILY BULLYING STARTED IN YEAR 3

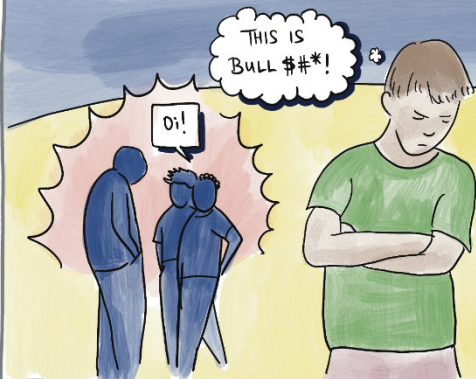


CAN I HANG OUT WITH YOU, MISS?



THEMES:  
 SOCIAL ISOLATION   
 BULLYING   
 TEACHER IMPACT

## INTERMEDIATE :



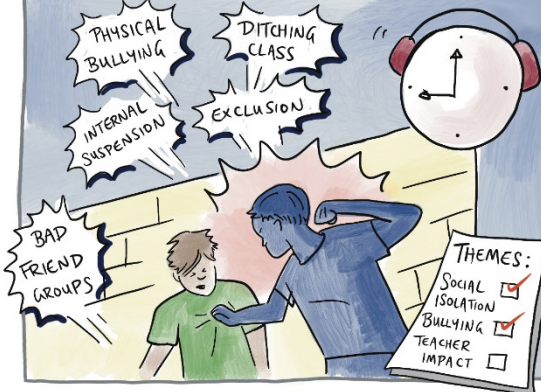
I'VE ASKED THEM TO STOP. NOW YOU'LL BE FINE...

ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION SETS IN...



THEMES:  
 SOCIAL ISOLATION   
 BULLYING   
 TEACHER IMPACT

## SECONDARY :



THEMES:  
 SOCIAL ISOLATION   
 BULLYING   
 TEACHER IMPACT

## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

"A NEW DAY"



LEARNING WITH PEOPLE I CAN TRUST

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# MEET LOIMATA...

Loimata is a 15 year old Samoan/NZ European Pākehā female. She lives in a family with a very committed stepfather. Her twin also attends AE. Because of a serious trauma early in her life that impacted upon her cognitive development, she struggles to make good decisions but really wants to change.

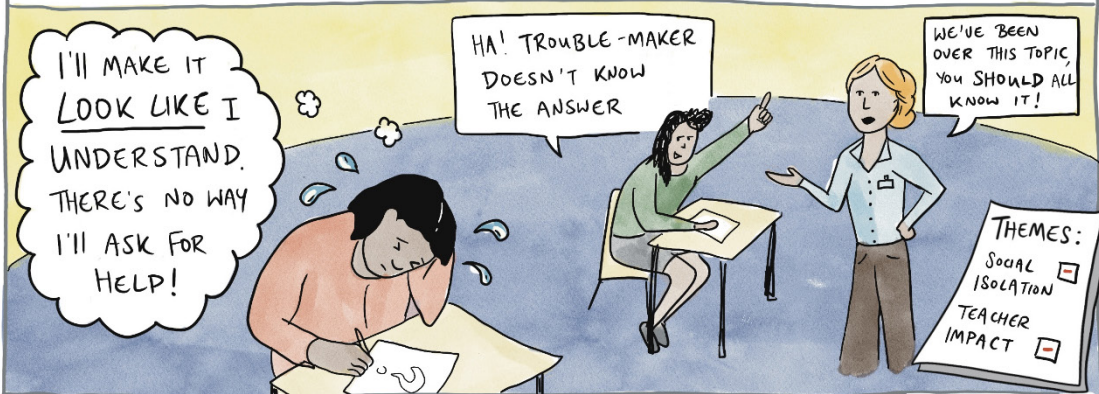
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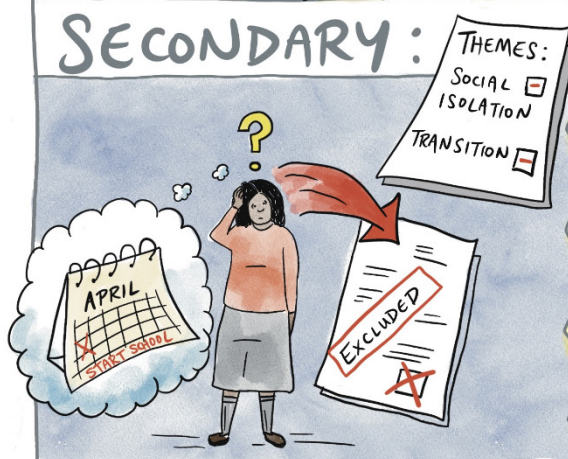
## PRIMARY :



## INTERMEDIATE :



## SECONDARY :



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# MEET MAFA...

Mafa is a 15 year old Tongan male, who lives at home with his large family. He often takes care of younger family members. AE teachers observe that he is kind, quiet and caring. He is exploring his identity, and always avoided situations at school that made him feel uncomfortable.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD :



## PRIMARY :



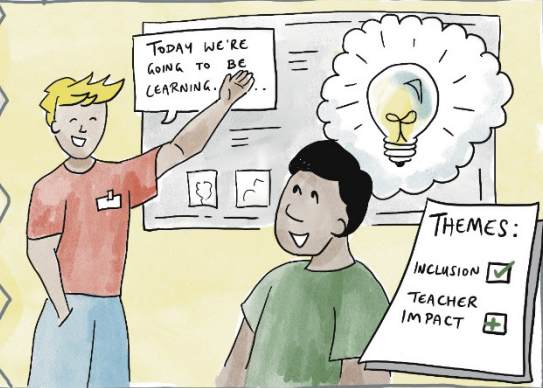
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