Story 4: Student story

Basically my story was after the Forum at the end of Term One, I think it was, I got back to school and was explaining to all my mates about how, or why I got the last period off and all of that. A lot of them thought it was a waste of time going and talking about the Burmese kids and thought it was all a load of rubbish and stuff like that. Like and when I was actually talking to them and in the Forum I had the opportunity to speak to some of the Burmese kids, when I spoke to my friends and all of that they started actually coming around and that. And like I’ve just noticed after that kind of event and after I was telling them and like sticking up for the Burmese kids and that, they’ve all of them started accepting them a lot more and that initial acceptance is becoming more shown I guess.

...There’s one example of it like one of the Burmese kids came up to us the other day cause we were in free dress and cause we had an enviro duty or something like that and he was like, ‘Oh hey man, you kicking up the dusty’ and speaking in very broken English. ...Yeah. [They spoke] A little bit. [of English at first.] Like when, before like going to values project and stuff like that, like you’d almost swear at them and walk off and all that type of thing, but like the thing that I noticed straight away is just immediately my mates started accepting them and like being, showing a bit more understanding towards them and you know replying back and being all friendly to him and that. Which was really good to see.