

ON THE STRAIGHT & NARROW? EMBRACING THE LGBTQI+ DIVERSITY in INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION...



A DUTY OF CARE is IMPORTANT, NOW MORE THAN *ever*



IT IS A DISTRESSING TIME



SUPPORT IS THERE



LGBTQI+ MENTAL HEALTH

...THE STATS ARE DISGRACEFUL

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS ARE 5X MORE LIKELY IN YOUNG LGBTQI+ PEOPLE... 11X MORE LIKELY FOR TRANS PEOPLE.



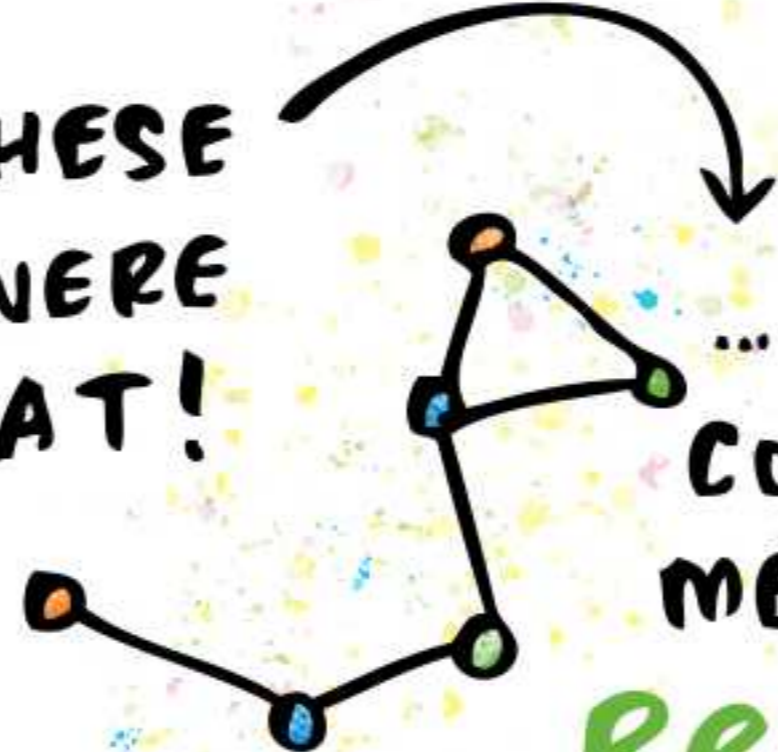
I ARRIVED IN MELBOURNE WITH A SENSE OF *freedom* BUT NO SEX EDUCATION



I ONLY HUNG OUT W- OTHER LGBTQI+ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ...NONE OF US HAD GOOD SEX ED.

I WAS *SCARED* TO GO TO THE SEXUAL HEALTH CENTRE... THE ONES AT HOME ARE *JUDGEMENTAL*

...BUT THESE GUYS WERE GREAT!



...AND CONNECTED ME TO THE *BROADER NETWORK*



THIS IS NOT A *FRINGE ISSUE*... WE DON'T WANT SOMETHING *special*. *PEOPLE ARE DYING*



IT'S *HARD* TO CONNECT WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

CREATIVE SUBCULTURE AND/OR *DOUBLE BARRIER?*

INTER-CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS ARE *HARD*.

WE DON'T SEE LGBTQI+ FAMILIES IN OUR TEXTS; *MEDIA*

HOW DO WE LET PEOPLE KNOW THEY'RE *safe* & SUPPORTED?

SAFE SCHOOLS IS A *GREAT FRAMEWORK!*

EVERYONE WANTS A SAFE SPACE

WE THINK OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS **A-SEXUAL**



... UMMM

OH, NO... OUR STUDENTS DON'T HAVE SEX.



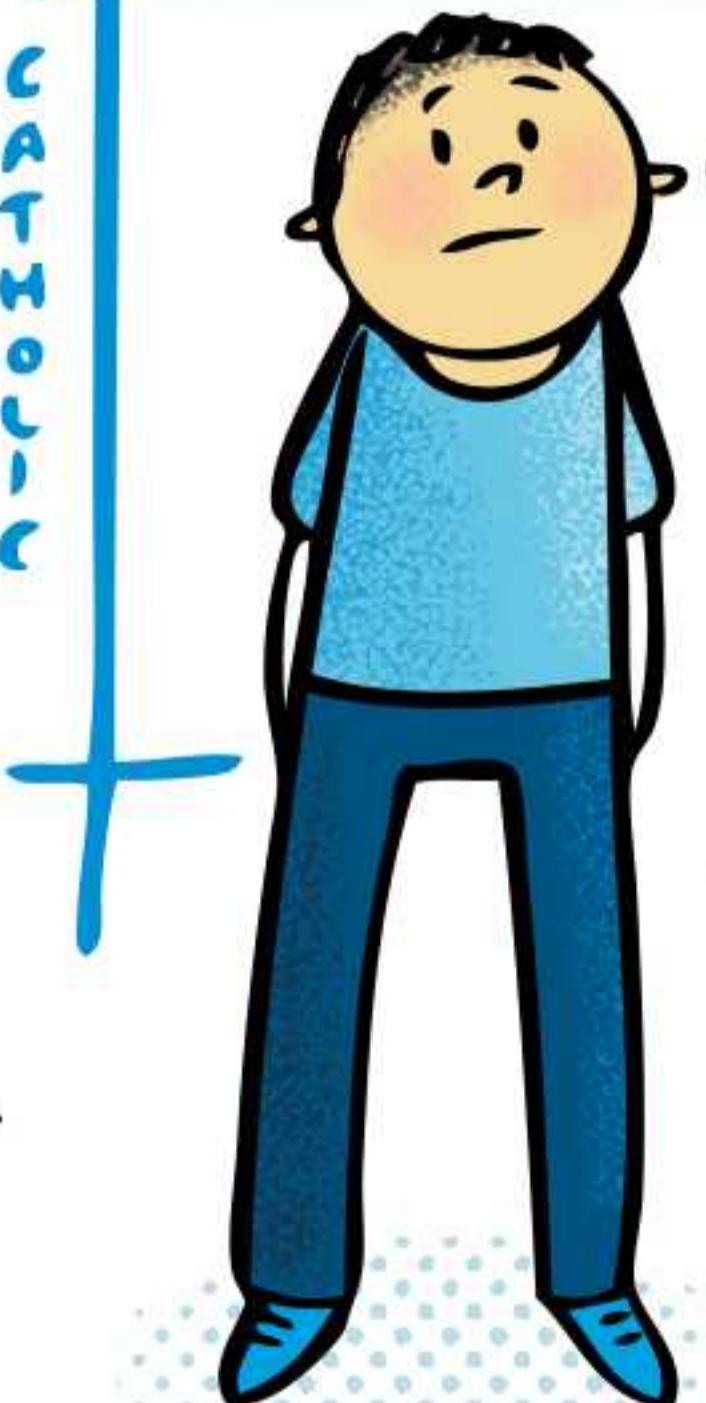

ONLY SON

CATHOLIC

INTERSECTIONALITY...

WE AREN'T JUST LGBTQI+

... WHICH MAKES IT HARDER TO NAVIGATE

YOU CAN'T BE UNHAPPY; BE A **GOOD STUDENT**



WE THINK THERE'S ↑10% LGBTQI+ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AS IT CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO "ESCAPE"

... BUT THEY HAVE TO GO HOME SOMETIME



REACHING OUT depends on ...

- CONFIDENCE
- OBLIGATION

I FEEL ISOLATED by the LGBTQI GROUPS



PARALLEL LIVES...

LGBTQI+ GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL LGBTQI+

PEERS ARE A HUGE SUPPORT for INT. STUDENTS THAT LGBTQI+ STUDENTS CAN BE CUT OFF FROM.




COMMUNICATION BE AWARE. SPEAK SLOWLY. GAIN CONFIDENCE.

WHO ARE ALL THESE WHITE DUDES? WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT LOOK LIKE ME??



+ SEXUAL HEALTH SESSIONS

YEAR ROUND VISIBILITY (NOT JUST PRIDE!)



REPRESENTATION

CREATING THE RESOURCES THEY NEED



LANGUAGE; ACCESS to RESOURCES ON ARRIVAL

