

Topic 1: Bullying

Sadness, depression and committing suicide are just a few feelings that are caused by bullying. Bullying is a big problem around the world including Papua New Guinea. If a person is bullied in school, it makes a big impact in their life. This essay will be based on my feelings towards bullying and what should be done to address the issue of bullying.

Firstly, my feelings towards bullying: When I was living in Kokopo, I saw my cousins pick on younger children in school. They would grab their bags off them and throw it on the dirt. I didn't feel good about their behaviour and I was embarrassed. I think they did that because they wanted to look tough in front of their friends and knew the younger children wouldn't do anything about it. I was confused why this was happening when at home these two were the ones who were bullied. They should know this feeling and not bully anyone.

Also, I am fortunate that I haven't seen any of my friends being bullied or bullying another student. This is because the school has a V.I.P policy, which stands for 'Value, Include and Participate'. All schools should have a V.I.P policy because it encourages students to value each other, include each other and participate to the best of their abilities, regardless of their character. Schools should learn to start an awareness either at assemblies, events and parent teacher meetings about bullying. Teachers should also teach bullying in their lessons so students are aware of this issue and what it can cause to a person.

Schools need to stress that bullying is not accepted in their school and emphasize this message at all of their school events, assemblies and in their talks to their school community.

To conclude, bullying is a serious issue that can affect a student's life. Bullying can be caused by a person that is having problems at home and brings their anger or problems to school and expresses it through bullying those younger than them. It is important to address this issue in Papua New Guinea.

Name: Thyra Laien School: Lihir International School Grade: 5