



What Schools are Doing: Swan Hill College

In 2002, **Swan Hill College** introduced the **Pride and Prejudice Program** in to their new Personal Development program for Years 9 and 10. Pride and Prejudice was taught at Year 10 by two male English teachers. There was no adverse response to the work and comments overheard from conversations amongst the students suggested that the program has helped to develop some awareness and appreciation of diversity.

The school feels that at this point there has been little change in the attitude of the majority of students but acknowledges that the program is only new and can only be a part of the process of developing a more caring and supportive whole-school culture.

The program has been implemented alongside and in conjunction with MindMatters material, and the school feels that this is why it has not created any conflict or dissent in the school community. The school has not made the contents of Pride and Prejudice its 'soapbox' but instead has concentrated on delivering it as part of a complete package aimed at challenging, supporting and teaching Year 9 and Year 10 students.