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World Youth Day 2008

Sydney is preparing to hold the biggest event in Australia's history. World Youth Day commences on the 15th of July. In what promises to be a spectacular event, it will also mark Pope Benedict XVI's first visit to Australia.

World Youth Day is about celebrating the youth of today. It gives young people from all over the world the opportunity to come together, learn and celebrate their faith.

If you wanted to assist your students in understanding the meaning of World Youth Day, these programs would be beneficial [Behind The News](#) and [Compass: Carrying The Cross](#).

SBS will have extensive coverage of the six day event. For a complete list of available programs simply [search](#) World Youth Day 2008, at the [EnhanceTV online store](#).

Today's youth face many serious issues on a daily basis. Youth homelessness and bullying are prevalent. However the acceleration of technology has seen a new form of bullying emerge: 'Cyber bullying'.

Help educate students about the underlying issues that many of their peers face. The [Youth Issues theme pack](#) is a great way to get students thinking about various youth issues like mental illness, the youth road toll, youth homelessness, underage drinking and binge- drinking.

There are specific programs that deal with youth homelessness [The Oasis: Australia's Homeless Youth With Tony Jones](#). The [TTN](#) program deals with youth homelessness and how a young boy has overcome bullying. [Lateline](#) takes a detailed look at the issue, following the impending release of statistics that "reveal tens of thousands of young Australians are without a home".

There is a free study guide available designed to assist teachers with helping the students understand the film [The Oasis](#).

The cyber world can often be a complicated place especially for young people. Assist your students in understanding that their actions in the

online world do have consequences in the real world. [Difference Of Opinion: Growing Up in the Digital Age](#) asks is this generation more attuned to anti-social behaviour because of the technology available to them? [TTN](#) examines how a WA research team is gathering ideas from about 4 000 students, teachers and parents to come up with an intervention plan to deal with cyber bullying.

