

## Teacher/ **Counsellor Guide**

Student Workbook



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## **About PROJECT MINDSET**



**The Mind Masters: Project Mindset** is a **FREE** wellbeing educational resource to help your students foster a **positive mindset**, **build resilience**, **and better cope with stress**, while guiding them towards long-term, positive mental health outcomes.

Because healthy kids make better learners.

The year-round integrated program is a 360-degree, multi-faceted interactive experience – flexible and customised for your school. **Project Mindset** has been developed to provide a range of resources available as part of your Student Wellbeing Toolkit:

**SEE** the Live-in-School educational theatre performance.

**HEAR** the educational podcasts on each topic.

**THINK** through the classroom PowerPlay game led by *The Mind Masters* characters.

**CREATE** where students can submit a project story of their choice which will be featured in an Annual Yearbook, printed and distributed across your school and community.

## **Program Vocabulary Words**

**Brain** A very powerful organ that is the control centre

of our body.

**Challenge** Something we find hard.

**Fixed Mindset** Believing our brain can't change and we will never get

better at things, even if we practise and keep trying.

**Growth Mindset** Knowing our brain can change and we will get better

at things if we practise and keep trying.

**Mental Health** The health of our mind and emotions.

Mindset The way we think about ourselves and the world

around us.

**Optimism** Expecting good things in the future.

**Physical Health** The health of our body.

**Positive thinking** Having hope and looking for the good things in each

situation.

**Resilience** Bouncing back from setbacks.

**Stress** Our body's response to difficult situations or events.

**Unhelpful thoughts** Words or pictures in our mind that are untrue, unkind,

or unhelpful.

## Simple steps to make the most of the Program

#### BEFORE THE LIVE PERFORMANCE

- 1. Go to NTCplayworks.com.
- 2. Select your state and the program, and click on **Teacher Toolkit**.
- 3. Watch the 'Educator Preview' video.
- 4. Review the student workbook to identify the appropriate level activities for your class.
- 5. Discuss with your students the Words To Know vocab list and plot of the story.
- 6. Hang *The Mind Masters* infographic posters in classrooms and in your school office.

#### AFTER THE LIVESTREAM PERFORMANCE

- 1. Go to heyteachers.org and enter the code LAN23.
- 2. Evaluate the program for your chance to **WIN \$250** for your class.
- 3. Distribute the Student Workbooks and have your students complete their activities.
- 4. Go to NTCplayworks.com.
- 5. Select your state and click on this program.
- 6. Make use of the online games and activities for your class.
- 7. Follow up with a selection of year-round exciting educational interventions from **PROJECT MINDSET** including educational PodCast series, Classroom PowerPlay games, Graphic Novels, and student-led activities. All these resources are available to your classes just by being a **PROJECT MINDSET** registered school!

The National Theatre for Children 1300 652 470 www.nationaltheatre.com.au







## **PROJECT MINDSET Educational Concepts**

#### **Why Your Mind Matters**

The difference between a Fixed and Growth Mindset, and why it matters.

#### **Ways to be Resilient**

How challenges are opportunities to grow.

These four points all work together to create a holistic approach to child wellbeing. They introduce basic concepts about Growth versus Fixed Mindset, positive thinking, and how to build resilience for your students in a way that is simple, approachable, and relatable. The fun and energetic live-inschool performance delivers these learning points in a refreshing and humorous way, using theatre-based performance and communication.

In addition, **PROJECT MINDSET** includes a series of Educational PodCasts for in-class or at-home, Digital Games and Activities, the **PROJECT MINDSET** PowerPlay classroom breakout game that is an educational tool that turns individual classrooms into academically-focused escape rooms, and lastly student-led creative projects that the **PROJECT MINDSET** team will integrate into a Yearbook ANNUAL to distribute across your school and community.

#### What Is Stress?

Why stress can get in the way of doing your best, and ways to get through it.

#### How Physical Health supports Mental Health

The importance of physical health in mental wellbeing.

**PROJECT MINDSET** teaches the Four C's of 21st Century Learning: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication.

The Mind Masters: PROJECT MINDSET Student Workbook dives in deeper with hands on activities that provide ongoing engagement for repeated learning of the educational concepts.

project mindset is a powerful platform to open the conversation about positive mental health practices and set your students up for a more valuable school and life experience. By emphasising the importance of mindset now, you are not only helping your students get more out of your class, you are helping forge a more resilient and positive pathway into their future.

## **A Note from our Clinical Psychologist**

Having worked as a Clinical Psychologist in child and adolescent mental health for over ten years, I've seen firsthand the very best and very worst of what it means to be a young person today. I am constantly inspired by the creativity and resilience of children and also often heartbroken to hear of their immense struggles. Schools are in a unique position of influence with our children and have bravely taken on increasing responsibility for delivering evidence based programs to enhance wellbeing and build the capacity of their students and communities to not only endure tough times but to thrive despite them.

I was immediately supportive of this joint venture between *The National Theatre for Children* and *Landcom* to embark on a longitudinal behaviour change program and applaud their vision to ensure this valuable content reaches children in those communities most in need. The Primary years are the ideal time to equip young people with knowledge and tools on how to take care of their own wellbeing, bounce back from setbacks and seek support early if things are not OK.

We know that keeping kids engaged with 21st Century learning is no easy task! Using a combination of live-in-school events, theatre, podcasts and interactive activities is a great way to capture young people's attention, build connection, and reduce the stigma of talking about mental health and wellbeing.

After what has been an incredibly tough year, *The Mind Masters: PROJECT MINDSET* program will introduce your students to evidence based skills and ideas to ensure they are healthy, happy and mentally well.

Most Sincerely,

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## **Educational Standards**

Go to **NTCplayworks.com** and select your state and this program name to find your teacher toolkit and the full outline of Curriculum Standards covered by this program.



## **Additional resources/weblinks**

Below are additional resources for teachers and parents to access, and also be sure to direct your students onto a load of amazing free resources to help them learn more about mindfulness and other techniques to support mental health and wellbeing:

#### Headspace

headspace.com/mindfulness/activities-for-kids

#### **Kids Help Line**

kidshelpline.com.au/parents kidshelpline.com.au/kids

#### **Raising Children**

raisingchildren.net.au/school-age

#### Be You

beyou.edu.au

#### **Parentline NSW**

parentline.org.au

#### **Head To Health**

headtohealth.gov.au

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# HOW TO ACCESS YOUR E-LEARNING PACKAGE

The e-learning package includes additional online educational resources for you to use with your students.



- · Go to NTCplayworks.com
- Select your state and livestream show title
- Explore the teacher toolkit and share the student activities

## **TEACHER TOOLKIT**

Your toolkit includes an instructional educator video, lesson plans, educational standards information and more.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Your students will have access to a portal with interactive games, quizzes and more.



At Landcom, our aim is to create innovative and productive places that demonstrate global standards of liveability, resilience, inclusion, affordability and environmental quality.

A key part of this vision is a commitment to fostering Healthy and Inclusive places, including focussing on the mental health and wellbeing of the people in and around the communities we create.

In recognising that children's mental health is a critical priority for resilient communities, Landcom

has partnered with The National Theatre for Children to educate students about mental health, wellbeing and resilience building. The Mind Masters program aims to educate primary school students about resilience and positive thinking to provide the key tools to support their mental health in a COVID impacted world.

Healthy and Inclusive Places is one of the four pillars that make up our Sustainable Places Strategy. To learn more about this or other information about Landcom initiatives, please visit our website landcom.com.au/sustainability