

The youth today...



See any behaviour you recognise?



Most young people don't get in trouble with the law.  
Some do, but there are many reasons why.  
Early intervention, prevention and diversion do work.

# Model Respect

Respect- "With respect how do they expect respect from us if they are rude and do not listen"

Young people are regularly demonised by the media and treated with disrespect by the authorities.

Research indicates the majority of young people are not treated by Public Transport Authorised Officers in accordance with the Department of Transport code of conduct, and more than 1/3 surveyed reported aggressive officers and feeling intimidated.

A March 2010 report identified young African males are routinely over policed and subjected to physical and verbal abuse by officers in Melbourne's Braybrook, Flemington and Greater Dandenong.

Modelling and developing positive and respectful relationships with young people should be an organisational goal for Victorian Police and Transport Authorities.

All young people have rights. Marginalised and vulnerable young people are more likely to have contact with authorities.



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Training and support for Victorian Police and Public Transport Officers to model respect and adhere to respecting the human rights of young people.

Complaints against Public Transport Officers to be investigated independently of private transport operators and appropriate sanctions be applied to breaches of the code of conduct.

Complaints against Victoria Police officers be investigated independently of Victoria Police.