

“CHANGE THE COURSE” – RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES CONTEXT: RE-THINK PROGRAM

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The aim of the 'Re-think' program was to address the issue of respectful relationships with college residents, particularly in the areas of gender and sexuality, as early as possible in their residency. Stephen said that the need for the program arose from conversations with residents which showed that many were poorly informed about many of the issues surrounding sexual assault and diverse sexual orientation. The program includes a screening of *The Hunting Ground* which explores the devastating long term impacts of sexual violence.

Additionally, St Leo's and Grace Colleges undertake an alcohol wise program with Queensland Police. The program is aimed at promoting responsible drinking. The College provides the beers for the students and stop them at a certain time and the Queensland Police measure them with the breathalyser. Given that many sexual assaults involve people who are unduly intoxicated, with alcohol "the weapon of choice" and in vulnerable positions, it is important to talk about the need to keep in control in these situations and to make sensible decisions.

See Stephen and Anita's presentation [here](#)