

Courage to Care in Bendigo

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COURAGE to Care is launching a new educational program and exhibition in Bendigo this week.

The new contemporary exhibition includes interactive technology with a strong message, inspiring students to take on bigots and bullies as “upstanders” against prejudice. Upstanders are those who demonstrate the courage to care.

The evocative program and exhibition also challenges individuals to consider the ramifications of their choices by examining the nuances of perpetrator and bystander.

In addition to the engaging digital technology, the students are presented with a brief film which introduces the historical context of the Holocaust.

They are able to hear powerful personal experiences and testimony of a Holocaust survivor about acts of kindness they received by their rescuers.

The program concludes with a group discussion facilitated by

Courage to Care volunteers.

“It is the first time that we will be bringing the new exhibition model to Bendigo,” a spokesperson for Courage To Care told *The AJN*.

“We are excited to be fully booked, and look forward to presenting these stories through engaging technology.

“It is a great way for the younger generation to relate to the impacts of bigotry and racism.”

At each exhibition, Courage to Care honours a local hero, an ordinary member of the local community who has acted in an extraordinary way on behalf of others.

In the past 25 years, close to 100,000 Victorian students have encountered Courage to Care, which is facilitated by B'nai B'rith.

The official launch will feature keynote speaker Margot Spalding from Believe in Bendigo.

The exhibition is free and open to the general public at St Killian's Hall, 175 McCrae Street, Bendigo until Tuesday, March 28, 2017.



Biallk College students at a recent Courage to Care exhibition.