

Jewish student at Melbourne's Bialik College attacked in VCE Facebook page

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Bialik College encourages its students to speak up about injustice.

A BRAVE Jewish girl who stood up to anti-semitic bullies on a VCE Facebook page was subjected to a barrage of cruel jokes about the Holocaust.

The student, whose profile states she attends Bialik College, twice pleaded for members of the closed VCE discussion page with 42,000 members to stop posting tasteless jokes and memes.

"It's really quite rude and offensive. Again, I don't want to get s--- for this post so please don't comment offensive things and just think about what could offend people. Thanks," the girl posted.

But what followed was an onslaught of puns about gas chambers, comments telling her "Jews really need to lighten up", "please don't be Furious", and a doctored image depicting Anne Frank and Hitler in bed.

Students attacking her attended a number of public and private schools, including Wantirna College and St Kevin's College.

It is the same Facebook page which the *Herald Sun* last week revealed Xavier College pupils used to attack "povo" public school students.

"Hitler actually did a lot of good," wrote a St Kevin's student.

"The autobahns, re-established Germany as a powerful force and got it out of a rut that it had been put into by treaty of Versailles and WWI. I mean obviously a s--- bloke, but there were positives for Germany."

A second Bialik College girl jumped in to oppose some comments and was told to "stop rewving your engine, love, she'll be right", and "relax, it's just banter".

Neither St Kevin's or Wantirna College responded to requests for comment.

Bialik College principal Jeremy Stowe-Lindner said students were strongly encouraged to speak up about injustice and he was heartened students had challenged "appalling bigotry".

"We teach our students to stand up for what is right. Their engagement with other faiths and ethnicities ensures they are outward-looking globalised Australians who see difference as healthy, not something to be vilified."

Jewish Anti-Defamation Commission chairman Dvir Abramovich said he was outraged to see the page's "hate-filled comments, sickening taunts and hurtful remarks".