



# WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR GIRLS?

*An exploration of behavioural issues,  
expectations, bullying and the  
contemporary teen and tween mindset  
in Australian schools.*

Thursday 13th August, 2009.

Metcalfe Auditorium, State Library of NSW - Macquarie St, Sydney.  
Session Time: 9.00am - 3.30pm. Seminar registration from 8.00am.

An inspirational one-day seminar for teachers, principals  
and other professionals in primary and secondary education.

Featuring:

**Maggie HAMILTON**

Publisher, Teacher and Author of WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR GIRLS?

**Evelyn FIELD**

Practising Psychologist and Author of BULLY BLOCKING

**Emily MAGUIRE**

Social Commentator, Journalist and Author of  
PRINCESSES AND PORNSTARS: SEX, POWER, IDENTITY

**Randa ABDEL-FATTAH**

Author of DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS? and  
WHERE THE STREETS HAD A NAME

**Alice PUNG**

Author of UNPOLISHED GEM

**Lucy HOWARD-TAYLOR**

Author of BITING ANOREXIA



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MAGGIE HAMILTON

Why are girls as young as five years old concerned about their looks and addicted to shopping? Why are girls binge-drinking so young, responding to chat-room predators, and bullying their peers via email and text messages? Why are depression, cutting and eating disorders on the rise, and why, with so much choice, do so many just want to marry young and have babies?

Writer, teacher and publisher Maggie Hamilton answers these questions and more in her keynote address based on her best-selling research piece *What's Happening to Our Girls?*

For over two years Maggie has interviewed girls, teachers, school counsellors, psychologists, and law enforcement and medical personnel to get an insider's view on what girls are presently experiencing from birth through to their teenage years. The result is a book at once informed, compassionate and shocking and is for teachers, parents and all those who want to better understand and support girls.



EVELYN FIELD

Evelyn Field is one of Australia's leading authorities on Bullying. Her first book *Bully Busting*, a self-help book for parents, children and educators sold over 22,000 copies has been translated into Italian, Croatian and Arabic. She has

worked closely with the National Coalition Against Bullying and the Mental Health Foundation of Victoria and is a media spokesperson for the Australian Psychological Society.

Evelyn will present the afternoon keynote on *Girls and Bullying*. She will look at the indirect methods such as verbal, emotional and social bullying that female bullies prefer, and help educators identify the signs of devaluing and isolation that are less obvious but just as harmful as physical bullying.



RANDA ABDEL-FATTAH

Randa Abdel-Fattah is a 28-year-old author, mother and lawyer, born in Australia of Palestinian and Egyptian parents. Her first novel, *Does My Head Look Big in This?*, was an instant bestseller in Australia. Last year, Randa was awarded the Kathleen Mitchell Award, a biennial literary award that acknowledges excellence in writers under 30. Randa's protagonists are typically strong, young Muslim women growing up in Sydney - positive role models for Australian-Muslim teenagers that just didn't seem to exist before Randa started to put pen to paper.

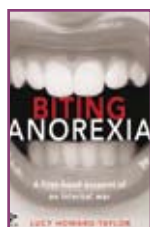
ALICE PUNG

Alice Pung is a Melbourne-based writer and lawyer who has received enormous critical acclaim for her writing. Her debut novel *Unpolished Gem* was shortlisted for several awards including the Victorian and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards and *The Age Book of the Year 2007*. *Unpolished Gem* combines the story of Pung's life growing up in Melbourne's Western suburbs with the inherited stories of the women in her family. Original and brave, Alice's own story captures the experience of Asian immigrants to Australia and celebrates women of all ages and cultures.



LUCY HOWARD-TAYLOR

Lucy Howard-Taylor is a 20 year old English Honours student. Her book, *Biting Anorexia* - written at the age of 18 - is an extraordinary depiction of her descent into the tortured existence of anorexia and her arduous and remarkable recovery from it.



EMILY MAGUIRE

Emily Maguire is an author international bestselling and critically acclaimed fiction.

As a social commentator, Emily's articles and essays on sex, religion, culture and literature have been published widely including in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Griffith Review*, *The Financial Review*, *The Observer* and *The Age*.

Emily's latest book is *Princesses and Pornstars: Sex, Power, Identity*, an unashamed call-to-arms for young women to reject tired gender roles, fight for public equality.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Morning keynote:  
Maggie Hamilton  
*What's Happening to Our Girls?*

Panel discussion and Q&A:  
Lucy, Maggie and Emily  
*Great Expectations: Aspirations of and for Gen Z*

Panel discussion:  
Randa, Alice and Emily  
*Positive Female Role Models in Literature*

Afternoon keynote:  
Evelyn Field  
*Girls and Bullying*

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