



60 Minutes is about to enter into the world of teenage boys.

To shed some light on the teenage years. When smart, loving caring kids suddenly develop into sullen, withdrawn, badly behaved teens. It's often seen as a phase that boys will grow out of and simply ignored. But the statistics are too alarming to sweep under the carpet any longer.

Teenage boys are being outperformed by the girls at school, they're more likely to be expelled and meddle with drink and drugs. And most alarming of all – they have a far greater chance of committing suicide.

It's not all doom and gloom however. A wake up call is being heard across Australia – a band of teachers, parents and experts are uniting – determined to stop our boys from behaving badly.

### Call For Parents

We are not looking for the worst behaved boy in Australia - we are just looking for boys and their families who are going through the norms of teenage behaviour - perhaps under performing at school, being out too late with their mates or playing up to their parents for example.

We also want to really showcase the great work being done out there to address the issues of teenage boys.

We already have on board Brighton Secondary College down in Melbourne. A pupil from Brighton College has also agreed to take part in our show - to talk openly about the problems with school, and also not having a father figure around. He is currently being brought up by his mum, who has also agreed to take part.

And this brings us onto the very important role of fathers and how boys need a strong male figure in their lives to turn into men.

Stan Korosi from Camp Connect will be interviewed to learn more about the group, its philosophy, why it's needed and why it's so important in the development of teenage boys. Then to demonstrate this we really need to hear from the families who are going on the Camp Connect Weekend Camp.

Ideally we would love to work closely with one family before the course, to get a real insight into life at home. Talk to all of the family members - clearly not forgetting the all important mum. Our intention here is not to show the worst of your family - but to understand the very issue of teenage boys - what makes them tick, what makes them angry, what they want from their families and how they want to change.

And we would also love to hear what you all think at the end - and follow up with the one family perhaps a few days after to see how life is going post the camp. Clearly we can't expect an overnight transformation but I would imagine we will see some positive results.

Basically this story is a story in 2 parts - a story explaining the problems and why we should all be concerned, and then showing that there are ways to address the issues.