



Anxiety at School

A professional development seminar for teachers and school professionals.

Anxiety loves anything unfamiliar or any situation that comes with any potential for embarrassment, failure, humiliation, shame, or separation from a loved one – and school is ripe for all of them. Anxiety can significantly affect friendships, confidence, and school performance, but it doesn't have to be this way. All children and teens need the right support to thrive, and even the smallest considerations can go a long way to helping children with anxiety find the very best version of themselves. The everyday interactions young people have with their important adults matter, and school professionals have an enormous capacity to strengthen all children against anxiety and build courage and resilience. Participants will learn practical, powerful, proven ways to effectively respond to children with anxiety, as well as ways to capture the powerful buffering role school can play in strengthening all young people against anxiety at school and beyond. We will explore:

- an explanation of anxiety that makes sense of symptoms and behaviours;
- the conversation that can strengthen all children against anxiety;
- how anxiety interferes with behaviour, grades and performance;
- the different ways anxiety can manifest at school;
- how to manage difficult behaviours when anxiety is the fuel;
- managing anxiety in the classroom;
- how to work with parents to be change agents, and the conversations and strategies that can have a transformational impact on anxiety;
- the relationship between anxiety and learning, and how to unlock a 'learning brain';
- creating an environment that will encourage brave behaviour in all children;
- the importance of relationship, and how to build high quality relationships with all children that will strengthen against anxiety, build brave behaviour, and minimise the incidents of critical behaviour.
- how to respond to anxiety in the moment to make way for calm and courage;
- the strategies that will strengthen all children against anxiety, and build confidence and courage at school and beyond;
- how resilience happens in the brain, and the experiences that will build the solid neural foundations;
- parents and teachers – a powerful team. What parents need to know, and how to have the conversation that will make a difference.



About Karen Young

Karen began her career as a psychologist working extensively with children, teens and families. She is a sought-after speaker and consultant and works with schools, government bodies, and child and adolescent focused organisations both in Australia and overseas to build resources, implement procedures, and support the professional development of staff. Karen is the founder of 'Hey Sigmund', an internationally popular online resource that provides contemporary, research-driven information on anxiety. She is the author of three books, including the bestselling 'Hey Warrior', which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.