

Resource 15

Scenario cards: Advocacy

<p><i>Harrison has muscular dystrophy. He is in Year Four at school, but is worried about going into Year Five. That's because Years Five to Seven are in the upstairs classrooms and he won't be able to get up the stairs in his wheelchair.</i></p>	<p><i>Hannah has just been elected school captain and will be presented with her badge this Friday at School Assembly. Hannah's little sister, Gemma, is in prep. The prep class don't usually attend Assembly, but Gemma would really like to be able to see Hannah get her badge. Hannah wonders if the other prep children might like to be part of the school Assembly as well.</i></p>
<p><i>Mark is absolutely brilliant at maths. He finds Year Eight algebra a piece of cake, and he is only in Year Six! He gets super bored when the class is doing maths, so the teacher lets him play on the computer. Mark feels left out and is annoyed that he hasn't got more challenging maths to do at school.</i></p>	<p><i>Erica wants to be a musician when she leaves school. Her mum and dad want her to be a doctor or lawyer. They've told her that she's not allowed to go to band practice anymore, because she has to go to extra tutoring instead.</i></p>
<p><i>Ryan finds reading a struggle. His class does philosophy every week and they read a story together to get started. Everyone is called on to read aloud, one by one. Ryan hates this part of the week. It's so embarrassing reading in front of the class. Someone always laughs when he gets an easy word wrong.</i></p>	<p><i>Melissa is intellectually impaired. She has been going to a regular school since preschool, but as she has grown older it has been more and more difficult to keep up. Melissa's mum and dad would like her to stay at the regular school, but Melissa's teachers think it might be better for her to go to a special school.</i></p>
<p><i>Marta's family is Seventh Day Adventist. This means that she is not allowed to go out on Friday nights or on Saturdays. The school discos are always on Friday nights, so Marta has never been to one. She'd really love to go sometime this year because it is her last chance before she goes to high school.</i></p>	<p><i>Every year Rita's class goes on an excursion to the Ekka. This year, the inter-school softball championships are on the same day as the Ekka trip. That means that none of the kids who play softball will be able to go on the excursion to the Ekka.</i></p>
<p><i>Aaron's little brother died last year. His mum and dad didn't let him go to the funeral, and he's never seen the place where his brother is buried. Aaron feels like he never had a chance to say goodbye.</i></p>	<p><i>Ray was watching TV last night and saw a news story on the large numbers of children orphaned by AIDS in Africa. He wished there was something he could do to help.</i></p>