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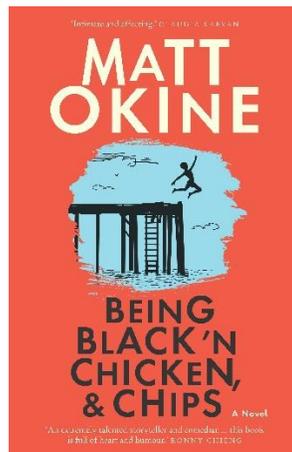
Teacher Resources

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Session Title

Being Black 'N Chicken & Chips: A Story about Growing Up (when everything is falling apart)

Matt Okine in conversation with Sunil Badami



About the author

The multi-talented comedian, actor and presenter Matt Okine is one of Australia's favourite award-winning comedians. *Being Black 'N Chicken & Chips* is his first novel.

Relevant titles:

- *Being Black 'N Chicken & Chips* (2019)

Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

Learning Area(s): English, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Arts

General Capabilities: Literacy, Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding

Suitable for: Stages 4-5/Years 8-10

Activities and resources

The aim of these resources are to provide a link between the texts and actual application of related issues/topics presented to the classroom. The following activities and resources provide a link between the text *Being Black 'n Chicken, & Chips* and application of related issues/topics such as grief, denial, racism, fear and desire, identity, isolation, coming-of-age, and fitting-in presented in classroom and educational contexts.

Read:

- Read and discuss related ideas presented in the text:
 - Overview of text: <https://www.hachette.com.au/matt-okine/being-black-n-chicken-and-chips>
 - Reading extract: <https://cdn.hachette.com.au/resources/9780733641688-look-inside.pdf>
 - Matt Okine interview in The Guardian: 'I wish we were taught as boys that it's OK to be hurt': <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/sep/20/matt-okine-i-wish-we-were-taught-as-boys-that-its-ok-to-be-hurt>
- Matt Okine: Seven Tips To Help You Write Anything: <https://www.killyourdarlings.com.au/article/seven-tips-to-help-you-write-anything/>
- SBS article feat. Matt Okine: Diversity in Australian Film & TV: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/the-feed/diversity-in-australian-film-and-tv-i-am-limited-to-being-a-token>

Listen:

- KYD First Book Club: Being Black 'N Chicken & Chips (with Matt Okine): <https://www.killyourdarlings.com.au/podcast/kyd-first-book-club-being-black-n-chicken-chips-with-matt-okine/>
- ABC Radio: The Drawing Room interview with Matt Okine: <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/drawingroom/matt-okine:-being-black-n-chicken,-&-chips/11658650>
- ABC Radio interview feat. Matt Okine: Cancelling Chris Lilley is distracting Australia from the real issues facing coloured and diverse communities in Australia: <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/melbourne/programs/mornings/cancelling-chris-lilley-isnt-helping-coloured-australia/12347888>

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