

2019 STUDENT SPEAKER SERIES



Students Taking Action: Inspiring Students to be Changemakers through CAS

Presented by Asha Mortel

IB Schools Australasia are pleased to have available in 2019 a new **Student Speaker Series** event for Diploma Programme Students.

These in-school events bring Asha Mortel, a young changemaker, to your school to empower your students and develop the skills needed to succeed in their CAS Project.

These sessions are available only to member schools.

2019 TOUR DATES

25 March – 5 April 2019 and
29 April – 10 May 2019*

Cost: \$300 per event

plus a share of flights, accommodation, transfers and meals as required for schools located outside of Brisbane

Time required: 1.5 hours

Maximum number of students per event:

Sessions can be designed to suit both small and large groups.

For more information and to book an event please contact:

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* Sessions are available at other dates on request.

Asha is a passionate young woman who actively works to make a positive change in the world and empowers others to see how they can contribute to the global community. Asha is an excellent ambassador for the development of internationalism. She is a global citizen who will continue to make the world a better place and influence others to work together for change.

Karen Abraham, IB Schools Australasia Standing Committee Member

Program Details

In this session, students will be encouraged to think outside the box in order to get the most out of their CAS Project. This interactive workshop will empower students to take on the world around them and act on the problems they see despite their young age. Through real-life examples of student activism and service, students (and teachers) will be able to see just how possible it is to make change both locally and globally.

The start of the workshop will introduce participants to Asha's own journey commencing as a 13-year-old changemaker and explore her project work in Borneo and experiences with the Jane Goodall Institute.

Following on from this, the workshop will lead participants through a practical activity to audit and assess local opportunities for student-led projects. This activity highlights how possible it is to make changes on a local level, while encouraging students to build their skills to enable them to take action on a global scale.

The final message of the workshop will be to highlight real-life examples of other student influencers and their local and global projects to inspire the audience to use the support and resources of the IB community to make meaningful change.

About the Presenter

Asha Mortel attended Cleveland District State High School from Year 8 in 2012, graduating Year 12 in 2016. During this time she was inspired by key teachers and staff to become involved in a wide variety of local and global projects, which led to her involvement in environmental projects in Indonesian Borneo and the Jane Goodall Institute Australia.

As a member of DeforestAction she has helped to raise awareness about environmental issues facing the Dayak community of Borneo. She has advocated for the mandatory labelling a palm oil in Australia and New Zealand and worked to raise awareness about the detrimental impacts conflict palm oil production has on the environment, animals and people of Borneo.

She helped raise funds that support the building of an orang-utan rescue and rehabilitation centre. As a member of two school trips to Borneo she was able to work hands on in the village of Tembak and deliver in person the resources to support students and teachers by delivering textbooks, stationery and teaching resources.

Asha's work as a young changemaker has led to her to being awarded several prestigious awards including the *Order of Australia's Secondary*

School's Citizenship Award and the *Zonta Women's International Young Women in Public Affairs Award* as well as the *Council of International Schools Student Award* in 2016.

Asha has been a member of the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots National Youth Leadership Council for the past 4 years. In this time she has helped organise events and attended and represented Roots & Shoots at state, national and international events. In 2016, she represented Australia at the Global Roots & Shoots Gathering at Windsor Castle in the UK, spending the week with Dr Jane Goodall and other young participants from all over the world.

She has been featured in various magazines, giving her the opportunity to spread her message and inspire others.

At the age of 17, Asha spoke at the Global Issues Network Conference in Indonesia and facilitated the workshop "How Kids Can" alongside Melati Wijsen founder of Bye Bye Plastic Bags and graduate of Green School Bali.

In 2018 Asha was the Youth Member for Oodgeroo in the "YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament" and presented at the Council of international Schools conference on *Students Taking Action*.

In 2019, Asha will embark upon her Bachelor of Secondary Education at Queensland University of Technology. She hopes to pursue a career in secondary teaching and inspire a new generation of young activists to make the world a better place.

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