**ALEENA & KHUSHI TRANSCRIPT – ARMADALE ART STORIES**

**ALEENA**: My name's Aleena. I go to Harrisdale Senior High School and I'm 14 years’ old.

**KHUSHI:** Hi, my name is Khushi. I also go to Harrisdale Senior High School and I'm also 14 years’ old.

**ALEENA:** I think I'm quieter with people I don't know, but if you get to know me, I'm much more loud and more extroverted.

**KHUSHI:** I would describe my personality as a fun person. I'm the person that will make others laugh more. Like what I'm doing right now. We've been friends since year five.

**ALEENA**: Yes. I moved to school in year five.

**KHUSHI**: She was actually really lonely, so I approached her first.

**ALEENA**: I don't remember this, but yeah. School is not for me. I can't wait to be 18. I know people say that it's better to be young, but like at least you get paid. Like we are out here doing free work; like no thank you.

**ALEENA**: Last year I did textiles and fashion. So, I made skirts and stuff, but I didn't choose fashion this year, which I'm really sad [about].

**KHUSHI**: I'm still deciding which one I want to go for. One was being a surgeon because I don't know, it's fun cutting up stuff and sewing it back up. Some people might disagree about it, but I find it kind of fun.

If I were to describe Harrisdale, I would say it's like a good place to live. The people here are really nice. So, if you just came from overseas or something, you would fit in pretty quickly considering the community and everything.

**ALEENA**: So, there's a lot of diverse cultures, like in my language, there's lots of people who speak my language, Malayali. And then there's lots of North Indians, there's like lots of cultures. So, it's like everyone has their own little [community] that can relate to them and stuff. There's always these little parties and stuff, like that's for a certain culture or certain religion. And we share our cultures here as well in the school.

**KHUSHI:** You’re South Indian, I'm not.

**ALEENA:** Like the food and culture are different.

**KHUSHI:** I was born in New Zealand so when we actually came here, I was around one. I would say I'm more Australian than Indian. Although I do speak in Hindi at home. I would still claim myself more Australian.

**ALEENA:** Well, I came here when I was six years old because I was born in India. My parents lived in Ireland, but then they wanted me to be born in India, so they went back to India. Yeah! And then I was born in India, but then after a few months I went to Ireland and then I did like Kindy and pre-primary there. So I grew up in Ireland until I was six years old. And then I moved to Australia for Year One and I skipped a lot of Year One. Don’t ask me to say it now, but sometimes when I say the country's name I do kind of have an Irish accent. It's Ireland.

Well, I have two siblings and unfortunately, I'm the oldest, so it's really sad. But anyways, they're both girls, so yeah, they're both sisters. Stop, it's so depressing. I'm like the guinea pig child. You have to look after your sisters, and you have to give them breakfast and food. And I'm just like here, like, no, they're not two years old. I like to teach them independence because I had to do that. So, they have to suffer like me, you know?I’m not allowed to stay out too late. Because it's dark. If I go to the shops, they expect me to be back around like six. And I'm not allowed sleepovers like at all.

**KHUSHI:** My parents, they have their own business. It's a small one we just started recently. So, the name is Galaxy Events. So basically, what we do is, we decorate venues. So, if you give us like a venue, we would decorate it according to your desire. Right now, since it's like really small, we just started last year, I'm helping a lot. I would just wish this business would grow in the future. It'll be really nice to have something that you own and then you can brag about it to people and be like, yeah, I own this. And you just feel proud on the inside. Like you accomplished something. Yeah. Follow us on Instagram. Support a small business!

Grateful for? I think having shelter and food available because there's so many people that don't get those and they live on the streets, or find food in garbage, or something. Yeah. I think those two things I'm grateful for. I would say I was taught that since birth in a way. Because ever since I was young, my parents always taught me, oh, never leave anything on your plate; oh, make sure you eat it. Like how they would always like, the Indian household, they'll always threaten you. Like make sure you eat it. They would always threaten you. Like in a good way though. So, they always educated us about the serious things in life.

**ALEENA:** Yeah. Yeah.