**CARYS TRANSCRIPT – ARMADALE ART STORIES**

**CARYS**: I'm Carys. I go to Armadale Senior High School. I'm 13. Well, usually I'm quiet to people I haven't really met, but when I warm up, I'm kind of funny. A lot of my personality is based around my friends because you know, if you get to know me, you also get to know my friends. Well, Madison, she's really funny, like probably the funniest person in our group. And then Matthew, you know, I usually have fake arguments with him, but that's for the fun. Rina, she's pretty chill. She's nice. And then Adrian, I don't know, he's a little bit crazy and he edits a lot.

Well, I've made more friends ever since I've come to high school, but I don't know, I just had a big friend group for a long time because a lot of my friends that went to primary school with me came to Armadale with me. Since there's so many of us, we can't really plan things. There're so many people. Usually we'll talk online, we'll go on a call or chat over a texting app. But a few days ago, some of my friends did go to a park down the street, you know, and it was pretty fun. We stayed there for a few hours.

What I personally like to use is Snapchat because that's where all my friends text. Well sometimes you meet the wrong people and they're pretty mean or you know, you disconnect. Well, I disconnect a lot because I live in the hills, but not much. Like if you say the wrong thing that they don't like, they're just mean, you know, no context. Sometimes it's pretty random but you know, my friends always deal with it, so.

I like going to school. I just don't like getting up because I like to sleep. I'm always with friends in my classes, you know. Recess and lunch are pretty fun with my friends. We get up to stuff. Sometimes we get in trouble but… Well, you know, my friends like to play-fight sometimes; for example, Madison will attack Matthew over something, so then the teacher will come around and say you can't do that.

Well, I get very stressed about grades, so I try my best in class and stuff, so yeah. Grades are very important to me. Well, I'm really good at HASS, science. They're my favorite subjects and math is probably one of my favorites as well.

There's not anything in particular. It's just I like them. Maybe it's just the teachers, but Mr. Stafford, I like him because he just gets straight to the point, he just doesn't focus on the bad students and more focus on the good students, you know, he's really up to it. But if you're a good student and the teacher's dealing with the bad students, then you don't really get much done. So, there's really no winning.

I don't really know exactly what I want to do, but what I wanted to do for a long time is do something with space. I don't know why. I just really want to do something with space. So that's why I focus on math and science because that's a big factor in space work. Dad, he watches videos on his PS5 and he'll watch a lot of space stuff. So, when I'm over, I'll watch with him and it's really interesting.

Well, [my mum] is kind of in the picture, but she's got an illness where sometimes under stress she'll go through an episode, she's going through one right now. So that means I have to live with my nana because mum can't take care of us. But my dad is saving up for a rental. So that's why he got a job.

My nana, if it weren't for her, we'd probably be in foster care, you know, something like that. So, she let us live in her house. Well, all four of us, apart from Charlotte, is living with her right now. And, you know, she's pretty old. She's like meant to be retired, but instead she's taking care of us. She's got a lot of emotions. She's pretty sensitive, but she's kind. But my sisters, when they're upset, they kind of mistake her kindness for weakness. So yeah, she gets pushed over a lot. Yeah. So, when my sister is yelling at her or something, I'll defend her, but usually I'll just cop the yelling after that.

All together there's five of us. Kira, she's kind of living with us right now because she's saving up for bond with her girlfriend to live in a shared house. And then Nicola, she also lives with us with her boyfriend. She's trying to get a job right now, but they keep like, you know, declining it, and she's just trying to pay off her fines. And then Sarah, she's the typical teenager. She's angry all the time, you know, she's yelling and the only time she's nice is when she's annoying people. And then there's Charlotte. She lives with my dad, but I'm going to live with her soon.

Well, there's a lot going on in my life, but for some reason I'm just pretty chill about it. While my sister, who's a year older than me, she's taken it pretty hard. So, she's pretty hard to deal with. So, dad will have to, you know, deal with her. We usually fight. Well, I used to try help her, but she's just been really difficult to handle. So usually we'll just have fights, but I do let her use my stuff. Well, we were pretty close, but she just gets very angry and according to her, she's only happy when she's around her friends.

When I'm an adult I want to have a nice house and just deal with my family problems. If I ever get a lot of money, I'd probably share it with my family, so, yeah. Because we don't really come from a lot of money. I'd give some to all of my sisters so they can do whatever they want with it.