Graffiti is a complex social issue, with a lot of misconception about terminology and conflicting ideas about what is considered art. While the distinction between graffiti and street or urban art may sometimes appear confusing, the law is very clear on the matter: graffiti done without permission carries severe penalties, from on the spot fines to imprisonment.

**LEGAL VERSUS ILLEGAL**

Your students will be exploring the issues of graffiti in an educational presentation. Delivered by leading educationalists Warner Youth Education, the Graffiti Education program informs young people about the social and personal consequences of graffiti and highlights the legal differences between:

**LEGAL: STREET ART**

![Image of street art]

Also known as urban art, street art is done with an aesthetic dimension and with the consent of the property owner.

**ILLEGAL: GRAFFITI**

![Image of graffiti]

Graffiti is the marking of other people’s property without their consent, and is typically characterised as tagging.

**HOW ART TEACHERS CAN HELP**

☑ Reinforce the message that graffiti done without permission is illegal.

☑ Encourage your students to become involved in the many city wide art programs and events.

For information contact Wyndham Youth Services on 8734 1355 or visit youth.wyndham.vic.gov.au.