

## Round 2 Scenario 2017

### BACKGROUND

Colliers Bay High School is a beach-side public high school located in a small suburb. Students know one another from around town and are generally very friendly to one another, and the school rarely has to deal with issues of bullying, harassment or theft among students. However, they have very strict rules surrounding this and hard disciplines in place for those that do offend, including expulsion.

Vinny/Violet and Peter/Prue have been best friends since they were five, and also live on the same street right next to the beach. Mike/Maisy and Luke/Lilly are twin brothers/sisters and have only lived in Colliers Bay since the beginning of year 7, but have known Vinny/Violet and Peter/Prue since their very first day of school when all four were placed in the same group project. For the last three years, the foursome has been inseparable.

Since the beginning of the year, Vinny/Violet has been saving up for a new iPad, as his/her current one is quite old and has a cracked screen. When Vinny/Violet finally bought the iPad, he/she was quite protective over his/her new purchase and only let the others borrow it during lunch time and on free periods. Vinny/Violet, Peter/Prue, Mike/Maisy and Luke/Lilly are well known to share and borrow one another's personal possessions; they never feared that one of them would lose or damage their property as they were best friends and trusted each other.

Recently, Mike/Maisy has been sitting with a few new friends from his/her soccer team at lunch time, and has been borrowing Vinny/Violet's iPad to show his/her friends music and videos. Vinny/Violet wasn't worried about him/her borrowing it, as he/she always returned it to him/her as soon as the bell rang, and knew he/she wouldn't let someone else borrow it without asking him/her first.

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### THE INCIDENT

After lunch, Mike/Maisy went straight to soccer practice and didn't return the iPad to Vinny/Violet, so when Luke/Lilly got home, he/she asked Mike/Maisy if he/she had the iPad to run over to Vinny/Violet's as he/she needed it for an assignment. Mike/Maisy said that he/she had let another friend in his/her soccer team borrow it, and they would bring it back tomorrow. Luke/Lilly sent a message to Vinny/Violet relaying the news. He/she was pretty annoyed, as he/she didn't really know Mike/Maisy's other friends that well – they hung out at the opposite end to where Vinny/Violet lived and he/she didn't trust them. The next day at school, Vinny/Violet asked Mike/Maisy if he/she could have the iPad back from his/her friend. But Mike/Maisy revealed that it had been stolen from his/her friend's locker that morning. Vinny/Violet was devastated, and reported the theft to the Principal.

A couple of days later, Peter/Prue was walking along the school hallway when he/she saw someone he/she vaguely knew from Mike/Maisy's soccer team carrying an iPad that looked exactly like Vinny/Violet's – the cover had been taken off and someone had stuck a giant sticker on the back to disguise it – but it was definitely the same one! Peter/Prue confronted the person carrying it, but they denied stealing it – they said that it had been given to them and they had no idea it was stolen. Before Peter/Prue could get a closer look, the bell rang for his/her next class so he/she sent a text to Vinny/Violet and Luke/Lilly and Mike/Maisy and at lunch time they all confronted the person Peter/Prue had seen carrying it.

When they confronted the person who Peter/Prue had seen, Mike/Maisy was hanging back from the other three and was clearly uncomfortable and embarrassed with what was going on as he/she was one of Mike/Maisy's soccer friends. Soon, more and more members of the team got involved, and an argument broke out – there was lots of shouting, and Mike/Maisy finally intervened and shouted at Vinny/Violet - "I don't know why you're so upset, just ask your parents for a new one – they're obviously rich enough to afford it!" Vinny/Violet was furious and retorted back – "someone obviously stole my iPad – why the hell are you defending them?" They both got heated quickly, and the argument turned physical between Mike/Maisy and Vinny/Violet. Luke/Lilly and Peter/Prue tried to intervene, but were soon pushed back by the other students trying to watch the fight.

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The fight brought the attention of several teachers, and after breaking it up they asked to see the iPad. Not surprisingly, it was nowhere in sight and couldn't be proven to belong to Vinny/Violet.

### THE AFTERMATH

Vinny/Violet and Mike/Maisy haven't spoken since the fight, and as news of the stolen iPad circulated amongst the school it created a divide amongst students who believed Vinny/Violet and against students who believed the students on the soccer team. The fight at lunchtime had also attracted the attention of the Principal, who told the school that anyone involved in the theft of possessions would be punished, as stealing was a very severe offence. The Principal would be conducting interviews on everyone involved in the fight, and they would get to the bottom of the stolen iPad. The Principal decided that anyone who was found to have anything to do with stealing the iPad would be looking at suspension, and at worst – expulsion. This meant that anyone on the soccer team could be at risk of losing his/her place on the team.

Vinny/Violet and Peter/Prue were so angry that Mike/Maisy would defend the students on the soccer team, and they told anyone who would listen that they would make sure that whoever stole it would be punished. Luke/Lilly didn't know who to believe, but knew his/her brother/sister wouldn't steal from his/her best friend!

One morning before the interviews, Vinny/Violet noticed his/her locker door slightly ajar – and inside was the iPad! Whoever returned it had put the case back on, but there were marks and scuffs where the sticker had been. The Principal decided that even though the iPad was returned to Vinny/Violet, he/she would conduct Mediations with the students, starting with Vinny/Violet, Peter/Prue, Mike/Maisy and Luke/Lilly.

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### **PARTY A1: Vinny/Violet**

You are really hurt and angry by everything that has happened. You have been best friends with Mike/Maisy since Year 7 and didn't expect this type of behaviour from him/her – he/she has really disappointed you. You have always gotten on so well with Mike/Maisy and Luke/Lily and felt there was mutual respect between you're the four of you. The fact that Mike/Maisy is now standing up for people he/she doesn't even know that well is so ridiculous!

It took you several months to save up for the iPad, and you were so proud that you managed to achieve your goal, especially as you only work one day a week in the kitchen of a local café – it took a lot of hard work to finally buy the iPad. Aside from Peter/Prue, no one knows that you work at the café, or how hard you saved up for the iPad; unlike a lot of your friends, your parents don't give you pocket money, and even though you live in a big house next to the beach, your family isn't as wealthy as a lot of your neighbours. You think it's quite unfair when people assume that you're just another rich kid who doesn't know the value of money and working hard for the things you want.

The fact that the iPad was returned to you proved to you that whoever stole it was from the soccer team as they clearly didn't want to get kicked off the team for stealing it - Mike/Maisy is obviously covering up for his/her new friends. You don't want any anyone to get expelled, but you think that whoever took it should be at least suspended for damaging your personal property and being so disrespectful.

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### **PARTY A2: Peter/Prue**

You are really angry about the whole situation, Vinny/Violet has been your best friend for forever and you can't stand seeing him/her get hurt by anyone. Generally you are very quietly spoken and can be quite shy. However you believe strongly in right and wrong and stealing from one of your peers – especially from your best friend - is so wrong!

You know how hard Vinny/Violet worked to save up for the iPad, and the fact that someone was so disrespectful towards someone else's possessions makes you so mad! You are 100% certain that the iPad that you saw someone carrying was Vinny/Violets – but you're not sure the person who had it was the same person that stole it; they looked genuinely surprised when you called them out for it.

The fact that Mike/Maisy was the last person to have it is pretty suspicious – he/she has generally been really careful when borrowing other peoples items before and for him/her to suddenly not seem to care about it being stolen and then sticking up for his/her other soccer friends gives away a lot. You think Mike/Maisy definitely knows what happened to it – either he/she stole it or he/she told his/her friends that they could keep it.

You think Mike/Maisy is guilty either way, but if he/she admits that they were wrong and apologises than you're willing to give him/her another chance, especially considering the iPad was finally returned to Vinny/Violet.

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### **PARTY B1: Mike/Maisy**

You are shocked that things escalated so quickly between you and Vinny/Violet. You didn't think he/she would be so upset when his/her iPad went missing!

You've always been a little bit jealous of Vinny/Violet, he/she has such a nice house right next to the beach and is always so nicely dressed and seems to always have money for things. You aren't as well off as Vinny/Violet, but never complain – you know that you're better off than some people in town, so always make an effort to give back when you can. You never see Vinny/Violet on the weekends anymore, and assumed that he/she had found another group of friends to hang-out with.

When you started hanging out with some of the guys/girls from your soccer team, you were close to one person in particular – they were such a good soccer player and you really admired their techniques and skills on the field. You also noticed that they struggled for money – they never told anyone that they were struggling but they often didn't have anything to eat for lunch and couldn't do homework as their laptop was broken and they couldn't afford a new one.

Vinny/Violet was always letting you, Peter/Prue, and Luke/Lilly borrow the iPad, and you didn't think he/she appreciated having it as much as he/she should. You figured if anything was to happen to the iPad, his/her parents would happily buy him/her a new one. You didn't think that you were hurting anyone by giving the iPad to your friend – in your eyes they needed it more than Vinny/Violet.

When you saw how upset everyone had gotten over the stolen iPad, you decided to give it back – you didn't want your team mate to get in trouble for something they didn't do. You are willing to admit what happened and accept the consequences.

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### **PARTY B2: Luke/Lilly**

You are so upset by the whole thing – you want to defend your sibling and his/her actions but you also really good friends with Vinny/Violet and Peter/Prue and hate to see them get upset – you just want everyone to be friends again!

You think you know who stole the iPad, as you recognised the person that Peter/Prue had said was carrying it; Mike/Maisy had spoken about them before – he/she really admired them as they were a really talented soccer player, but he/she also spoke about how they didn't have a lot of money for things and he/she hated seeing them struggling. You knew that if your suspicions were correct and Mike/Maisy had stolen the iPad to give it to them, he/she did it with good intentions. You know how crazy that sounds but you know your brother/sister has a good heart.

You didn't tell Vinny/Violet and Peter/Prue that you saw Mike/Maisy put the iPad back in Vinny/Violet's locker, as you didn't know whether Mike/Maisy was covering for someone else – you first suspected Mike/Maisy's soccer friend but as soon as you saw how upset Mike/Maisy was over the accusation at lunch time you knew there was more to it.

You really hated seeing Mike/Maisy and Vinny/Violet fight, you tried to put a stop to it but everyone crowded in so quickly! You don't want someone innocent to get expelled or suspended for something they didn't do, and if Mike/Maisy doesn't say something, you will. You know that Mike/Maisy will understand if you tell the others that he/she did it, as you're sure that he/she did it with misguided good intentions.