

Full Stop Foundation Ambassador

Professor Catharine Lumby

Catharine Lumby, Professor of Media - Macquarie University, gender issues advisor, media commentator on gender equality and sexual violence prevention, author and journalist.

Catharine is a feminist and a passionate advocate for the role of education in preventing violence against women. Catharine's research spans across media studies, gender studies and media content regulation. She is the author of six books and is currently writing a literary biography of the Australian author Frank Moorhouse.

Since 2004, Catharine has worked in a pro-bono role advising the National Rugby League on cultural change and education programs for players. Within five years, the evidence-based education programme that she oversaw the research and design of had improved players' attitudes and behaviour towards women by 15 to 20 per cent.

Before entering academia in 2000, she was a journalist and opinion writer and has worked for The Sydney Morning Herald, the ABC and The Bulletin magazine. Catharine is on the editorial boards of Public Communication Review, the International Journal of Cultural Studies, and Feminist Media Studies. She was the foundation Chair of the Media and Communications Department at Sydney University and the foundation Director of the Journalism and Media Research Centre at UNSW. She joined Macquarie University in 2013.

She has been the recipient of seven Australian Research Council grants and has completed research projects for organisations as diverse as Google Australia, the Australian Communication and Media Authority, the Australian Sports Commission and the National Rugby League.

A committed voice in sexual violence prevention, Catharine advocates, "I really believe we need to start young with conversations about ethical behaviour. We need to open our dialogue with young boys as well as young girls. A lot of the incredibly sexist frameworks that we live in have been so entrenched that unpicking them and undoing them takes a lot of time."