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I came from my country because the Taliban wanted to kill me and all Hazaras in Afghanistan. They locked me up for six months, tortured me. Then I escaped to Australia, they locked me up too. Detention is disappointing and in the place you feel the hope of getting freedom is done. No matter where you come from, just you understand life is like that too bad. It's not about having TV, not about food or furniture, we didn't come here for that. We came for freedom. But we are not allowed it.

The psychologist in detention gives lots of tablets so I would sleep hours a night. I didn't want to go to school because I resented that we were allowed for that, but not for other things.

Some people understood they would be free one day, and so school helped them to get ready. It was healthy for them. Sanderson State High School was really good. Everyone said it.

I wasn't sure if I would ever let out, after I'd been in detention for 2, 3 month. I gave up hope. The soccer and volleyball were very good.

I wasn't safe in detention. One day there was a big fight, the Iranians and Kurdish against the Hazaras. Police came but didn't come in, security guards were outside. It was very big. Things were thrown, shouting, boiling water was poured on people. Chairs, scissors, knives, wood was used. Families, older people were involved, 4 Hazara kids and 8 Iranian went to court. The police had filmed it. The fight started at 2pm ended about 6pm.

When I arrived at Christmas Island, I had \$ 800 us and a box of Marlboro cigarettes. When I left Darwin detention, I asked for them, they'd asked C.I to send it to me, they said that to all of us. My friend has \$400, also never returned. I never got my money back. I asked Access in Brisbane to follow it up, still I don't have it.

We had no privacy in detention; they could come to our room any time. One day we went to lunch, after lunch all of our stuff was in a new room. They moved it without asking us.

Boys (and me) cut themselves; My friend cut his throat and went to hospital. Another boy ran at the flag pole and hit his head. One tried to hang himself with his clothes but other boys saved him. Boys had bad mental health. Cutting themselves became normal if you weren't happy. We didn't have normal people around to show us what's normal if weren't happy. We didn't have normal people around to show us what's normal. Kids should never be locked up like that.