

Member schools

Any secondary school can become a member school. This means that the school is committed to a 'zero tolerance' policy for homophobic, biphobic or transphobic bullying, and is a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Becoming a member school involves endorsement from the school governing council and then informing the school community.

Existing member schools will retain membership status under the new initiative.

Data about harassment and wellbeing provided by member schools is used to review the effectiveness of the Anti-Bullying Initiative.

"In a safe and supportive school, the risk from all types of harm is minimised, diversity is valued and all members of the school community feel respected and included and can be confident that they will receive support in the face of any threats to their safety or wellbeing."

National Safe Schools Framework

Feedback

Please contact your school principal if you have any concerns about the initiative.

Further information

Visit www.decd.sa.gov.au and search for safe schools

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Safe Schools Anti-bullying Initiative

This is a professional learning program for school staff, and is not a curriculum subject for students.

This initiative was developed using the key principles outlined in the National Safe Schools framework. To read the framework visit <https://www.education.gov.au/national-safe-schools-framework-0>.

The initiative aims to build the confidence and capacity of school staff to create a learning environment inclusive of diversity, free of harassment and that promotes positive wellbeing for everyone.

Bullying and harm

Research shows that same-sex-attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people suffer high levels of verbal and physical homophobic and transphobic bullying in the community. This affects their wellbeing and can lead to severe mental health issues.

Of this bullying, 80% occurs in schools.

Creating safe, supportive and respectful learning environments is good for everyone:

- better academic outcomes
- more confidence
- better attendance
- improved wellbeing

Services for school

SHINE SA will deliver a range of services to schools, such as:

- professional development sessions for school staff
- advice and support for school staff
- promoting youth leadership eg through the annual 'action day'.

Lessons for students about relationships and sexual health are taught through the mandated Australian Curriculum subject, health and physical education. This is not part of the Safe Schools Anti-Bullying Initiative.

Parent consent

Schools will ask for your consent before students participate in any activities organised or delivered by SHINE SA, such as the 'action day'.