



## End of Term Newsletter

Term 2 got off to a very busy start for the SAIS Initiative. We delivered 2 training sessions open to all ACT Teachers, celebrated IDAHOBIT with key stakeholders and provided expert advice to several schools. SAIS can help your school with professional learning, identifying high quality inclusive resources, expert advice and support for school events. Get in touch or visit our website or more information.

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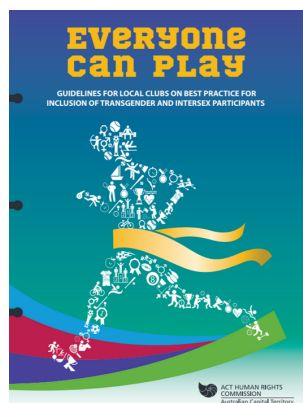
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## Inclusion in Sports

Early in June SAIS staff, together with the Discrimination Commissioner from the ACT Human Rights Commission, Karen Toohey, presented at the ACT School Sports Conference on the topic of Trans and Intersex inclusion in sports. The presentation was well received by the national representatives and we look forward to seeing where the dynamic and changing field of inclusion moves next. Across the different levels of sporting achievement, the principles of participation, safety, fairness and non-discrimination are standouts and should guide our decision making.

If your school is looking for guidance on inclusion in sport, check out "Everyone Can Play" here: [hrc.act.gov.au](http://hrc.act.gov.au) or contact SAIS on 6247 3077.



## Links

The SAIS website now features links for educators. The list includes local ACT services, information about bullying, counselling, and much more.

Days of significance are also listed along with Australian based social research on the experience of same sex attracted and sex and gender diverse young people in schools.

## Student Led Initiative

The Dickson College LGBT+ Group held a bake sale fundraiser on IDAHOBIT, raising over \$240 for Diversity ACT. The school was really supportive, and a lot of rainbow stickers were given away. The students are encouraged by the success, and looking forward to the next big event.



## Intersex Project Worker at A Gender Agenda

Are you looking for specialist information and support about the topic of intersex? Look no further! Cody is the Intersex Project Worker at local community organisation A Gender Agenda. Cody can provide you with expert information and support, plus is a wonderful referral point for students and families who are looking to connect with the intersex community. You can contact Cody on 6162 1924 or [cody@genderrights.org.au](mailto:cody@genderrights.org.au). You can also check out the newly launched AGA website for access to comprehensive trans, gender diverse and intersex information: [genderrights.org.au](http://genderrights.org.au).

## Upcoming: Wear It Purple



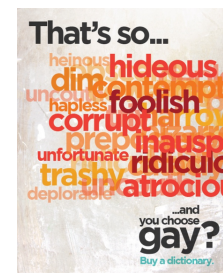
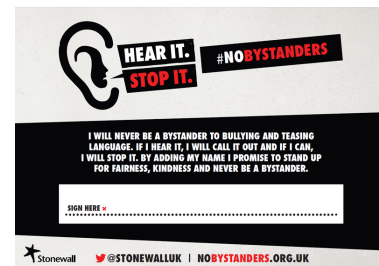
Wear it Purple Day is an international celebration and a reminder that young people have the right to be proud of who they are. It is an event focussed on safety in the school environment and an opportunity for schools to make a stand for inclusion, safety and support.

This year Wear It Purple is on Friday 31 August – Week 6 of term. Come along to our SAIS event in the days leading up to Wear it Purple to collect posters and other materials to help run a successful event in your school. See attached flyer for details.

Check out [wearitpurple.org](http://wearitpurple.org) for more information.

## Posters for your school

Posters around your school can go a long way to making students feel welcomed in the environment and start great conversations about safe and inclusive communities. These posters can be downloaded, printed and stuck up at school. Contact SAIS for links.



## Opportunity for students

The YWCA's Youth Engagement team is hosting a planning day for 2018's LGBTIQ + & Allies Prom these school holidays. This is the chance for young people to share their ideas about what this years' prom should look like.

Want more details? Contact Annie-Lea on 6294 4633 or visit [facebook.com/YWCAclubhouse](https://facebook.com/YWCAclubhouse).