

2019 | TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

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THE SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (SAIS) CAN HELP YOUR SCHOOL WITH PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, **IDENTIFYING HIGH QUALITY INCLUSIVE RESOURCES, EXPERT ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND EVENTS.**

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

We will be running the TQI-accredited SAIS Core Training on Tuesday 19 November. Contact us at saisact@shfpact.org.au to secure your booking. SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS.

WEAR IT

WEAR IT PURPLE

For Wear It Purple Day this year SAIS supported schools to run their own events through a small grants round, and the provision of resources including posters, balloons, tote-bags, pencil boxes and phone-pops. Please contact us if we can provide resources for your school's event!

Did you host a WIP event? We'd love to hear about it!

IDAHOBIT DAY WRAP UP

Earlier in the year we ran our Student and Staff Development Day to celebrate International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning.

This day was a great success with positive feedback from both staff and students. Some of the feedback we received included:

"I LOVED BEING IN A PLACE WITH OTHER **LGBT+ PEOPLE, AND GETTING TO LEARN ABOUT OUR HISTORY"**

STUDENT

"I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT HOW TO MAKE MY SCHOOL A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY" -**TEACHER**

"I LEARNT HOW TO BE BETTER ALLY TO PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT AREN'T IN MY IDENTITY" - STUDENT

Overall we had over 60 students and staff from more than 10 ACT Schools attend this year! We look forward to running similar events in future and hope to engage with even more schools in the coming years.







CANBERRA TOGETHER

The Canberra Together community symposium included an informative and insightful panel featuring 3 trans and gender diverse students in the ACT who bravely shared their personal experiences at school.

The 'Canberra Trans and Gender Diverse Students Experience of Transition and Support at School' panel was run in partnership with A Gender Agenda and was a highlight of many people's experience at the event.

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CAPITAL OF EQUALITY

The Office for LGBTIQ+ Affairs released their Capital of Equality strategy earlier this year. This outlines the ways in which the ACT Government will contribute to making Canberra the most LGBTIQ+ welcoming and inclusive city in Australia.

The Capital of Equality strategy is available to download at: cmtedd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/the-office-for-lgbtiq-affairs

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO JUMP STRAIGHT TO THE THE CAPITAL OF EQUALITY STRATEGY WEBPAGE







act.gov.au/lgbtiq

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SIGNIFICANT DATES

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER
INTERSEX SOLIDARITY DAY

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER
TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

A CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Would you like your school's event or student's work featured in our SAIS Newsletter?

Please contact us at **saisact@shfpact.org.au** if you have photos of an event your school has run or examples of students' art, short pieces of creative writing or other projects that you and your students wish to have featured.

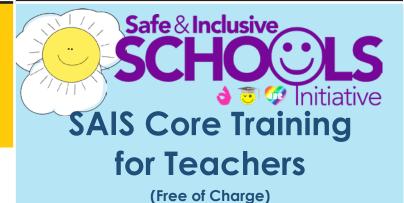
Please ensure that you have written consent from students prior to submitting their work, and that all student submissions are anonymous.

INTRODUCING THE NEW SAIS PROJECT OFFICER

SAIS has introduced a new project officer role which has been taken on by Gabriel Filpi. He can be reached by email at **GFilpi@shfpact.org.au** or through the SAIS email.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The SAIS team wishes you a happy and safe summer holidays. Please note that we will be away for the holidays from **COB 20 December 2019 until 6 January 2020.** Please touch base in January to discuss working together inthe new year.



This is the last opportunity in 2019 for teachers to participate in the Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative's TQI accredited training. In this training you will learn fundamentals of sex, gender and sexuality and how you can contribute to building safe and inclusive schools for all students.

Tuesday 19 November
4pm - 6pm

Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning
(Hall), Fremantle Dr, Stirling, ACT, 2611







Bookings and enquiries: saisact@shfpact.org.au