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End of Term Newsletter

The Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative (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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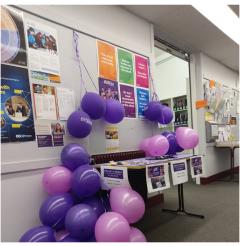
Wear It Purple Wrap Up

A big thank you to all the students and teachers who came along to the very first Wear It Purple (WIP) Bowling event. We hosted 50 people from across 10 schools. Students and teachers collected posters, balloons, pencils, stickers and other SAIS merch for their own WIP events. We would like to thank ZONE Bowling who were incredibly helpful and welcoming.





Narrabundah College's WIP display



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

SAIS Poster Series Now Available

SAIS has developed a series of five posters that schools can display. The posters were designed to be visually striking and convey key messages that indicate the school is a safe, welcoming and inclusive place for all students to learn. The posters are co-branded by SAIS and Belconnen Community Service, A Gender Agenda, The ACT Human Rights Commission and PFLAG. This demonstrates to students that many organisations support them and can offer assistance. If you'd like copies of the posters, contact us.



SAIS Audit Tool

SAIS has developed a tool for schools to help them assess how well they are doing in creating safe and inclusive environments for sex, gender and sexuality diverse students. The tool is designed to review current practice and prioritise future actions to enhance practice. The tool is currently in trial stage. If you would like to use the tool to see how it works for you, just get in touch via saisact@shfpact.org.au.

Staff LGBTIQ Network

This term we met with Paull McKee, chair of the Education Directorate's staff LGBTIQ network, to explore options for working together. While SAIS and the network have different functions and tasks, there is opportunity to support each other. Stay tuned for developments in this space. If you'd like more info on or would like to join this network, contact Paull on paull.mckee@act.gov.au.

SAIS Core Training Date

On Monday 19 November, we will be delivering the SAIS Core Training for the last time in 2018. This opportunity is for any teachers who would like to learn about the fundamentals of diversity in sex, gender and sexuality. We will also explore how teachers can contribute to building safe and inclusive environments for all students.

Details: Monday 19 November 4:30pm - 7:00pm SHFPACT Training Room. Level 1, 28 University Avenue Canberra City TQI Accredited (2 hours) RSVP to saisact@shfpact.org.au

