

April 2019

Safe & Inclusive SCHOOLS Initiative

End of Term 1 Newsletter

Student and Staff Development Day

To celebrate International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), SAIS and community partners are hosting a Student and Staff Development Day. This event will be held on Friday 17 May, from 9:30am until 2:30pm, at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning. Minister Yvette Berry will be joining us to open the day.

Every ACT High School and College is invited to bring up to 8 students and accompanying staff along for an exciting day of workshops. Throughout the day, three streams of student workshops will run concurrently. The streams focus on leadership through school and community events, safe and inclusive school and community life, and looking after yourself and others. There is also a teacher professional learning stream with two courses on offer – SAIS Core Training and Transition Planning with A Gender Agenda.

This event is free to attend. If you would like to arrange an excursion to this event for your school, get in touch with us.

Wear It Purple Grants

We are excited to announce that in conjunction with the Youth Coalition of the ACT, we are running a small grants program for Wear It Purple. There will be 10 x \$200 grants available for schools. These grants are available for students to plan and deliver exciting events for Wear It Purple Day in August. At the IDAHOBIT event, students will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop to learn about grant applications and practice their skills.

More information, including requirements and closing date will be provided at the IDAHOBIT event. Schools who do not attend can access information after the event by contacting us on saisact@shfpact.org.au.



**SAIS
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DAY**

FRIDAY 17 MAY

9:30AM - 2:30PM

HEDLEY BEARE CENTRE
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THE ACT SAFE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE IS PARTNERING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO CELEBRATE IDAHOBIT!

Join us for a day of interactive skill building and personal development workshops.

If you are interested in attending, collect the information and consent form from:

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Professional Learning

In January we trialled an extension professional learning workshop. Feedback was positive and we are currently applying for TQI accreditation. In the coming months, we will announce dates for both the SAIS Core Training and the extension workshop.

We are also very happy to deliver one or both PL sessions to school staff cohorts, at a time/date suitable for the school. There is no cost for the school to access this PL.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative, the ACT P&C Council and the Association of Parents and Friends ACT Schools have released a pocket guide to mark National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

The pocket guide resource is intended as one resource to assist students respond to bullying and violence at school. Addressing harassment, bullying and violence requires shared community responsibility, everyone can play a part. This resource is a quick reference that children and young people can carry with them, and a resource that parents/carers and teachers can also use to start conversations about the importance of shared community values and the role that bystander behaviour can play in preventing, reducing and responding to bullying and violence.

To access the pocket guide, head to our website saisact.info and click on the Downloads tab up the top.



Intersex on TV

ABC iView has recently released its fourth series of You Can't Ask That. The series presents diverse Australians who face prejudice and discrimination responding to tricky questions they often get asked. In this series we see a group of Intersex people face the questions. You may like to watch this to get a better understanding of the experience of intersex people. Series one features transgender people and series two features children of same-sex parents. All episodes can be accessed freely on ABC iView.



New Australian Student Wellbeing Framework

The Student Wellbeing Hub now contains the new Australian Student Wellbeing Framework and associated PL. This framework replaces the National Safe Schools Framework.

The ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative uses this framework to inform our practice and support we offer schools. We suggest jumping online and checking out this new resource.