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WELCOME

We have now made it to the end of the year, and with only a few weeks left this newsletter is all about what we have been up to and the exciting things we are looking forward to next year. The ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative Team extends our acknowledgment and thanks to ACT educators and school staff for the great work that has been done this year across the region. Have a safe and happy holiday period from the SAIS ACT team.

The SAIS ACT team

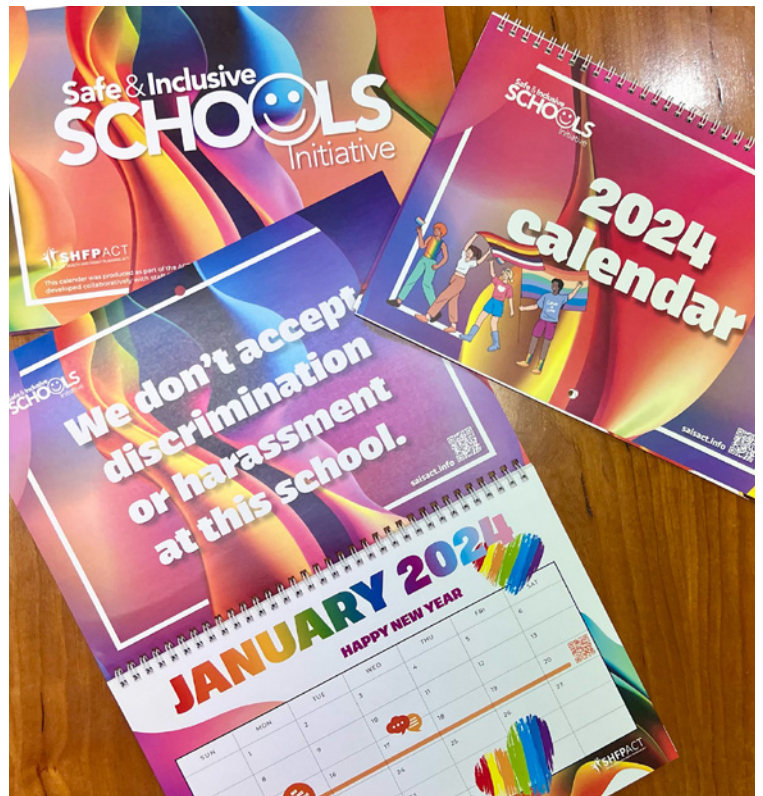
REACHING OUT

SCHOOL VISITS

If you think you or your school could benefit from a chat with SAIS you can reach out for free, confidential and judgement-free advice and information by emailing us.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIDE

This term SAIS connected two primary schools with the shared objective of supporting student leadership and student-initiated requests for a supportive group space to connect with peers. We were thrilled to be able to connect the schools and facilitate the sharing of good practice between the school communities.



NEW RESOURCES

This term SAIS has produced 4 new resources from our Affirming Gender and Including intersex booklets. These resources are short 1-page responses to some of the major areas where transgender, gender diverse and intersex students may need additional support.

Topics include:

- **Toilets and Changerooms**
- **School Sports & Carnivals**
- **School Camps and Excursions**
- **School Uniforms**



These resources are available to download from our website.

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR 2024 SAISACT CALENDARS

After a successful pilot of a 2023 calendar this year SAIS is excited to announce the release of a 2024 calendar highlighting the top LGBTIQ+ days of significance for the year.

The calendar is perfect addition to your school's front office, wellbeing space or LGBTIQ+ student group. SAIS will be posting out printed copies of the calendar to every school in the ACT in the coming weeks.

Please email us if you would like additional copies or don't get yours. The 2024 calendar is also available on our website.

TERM 4 SNAPSHOT

THIS TERM WAS PACKED FULL OF IMPORTANT DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE INCLUDING:

INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY

26 OCTOBER 2023

Originally marking Morgan Holmes and Max Beck, starting the first major intersex demonstration in Boston in 1996, Intersex Awareness Day has grown, much like the advocacy movement. Now it is a broader acknowledgement of the existence, strength and resilience of the Intersex community across the globe. It is a day to celebrate and draw attention to intersex issues.

INTERSEX DAY OF SOLIDARITY

8 NOVEMBER 2023

More solemn than Intersex Awareness Day, Intersex Day of Solidarity marks a period of contemplation and reflection on the history of Intersex advocacy and the ongoing harms faced by Intersex people across the globe. For decades activists and advocates have campaigned for protections from these harms, and for governments to recognise and uphold the human rights of Intersex people. It is a time to think about those who paved the way for the Intersex human rights movement, the trail blazers and revolutionaries as well as everyone who has been lost along the way.

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK

8 NOVEMBER 2023

Transgender Awareness Week is a period of celebration, visibility and awareness of transgender people and their experiences. It is a time for sharing stories, education, support, and kindness throughout the community. This week is ultimately about trans joy, resilience, and the perfect time to show your support for the transgender community.

UNIVERSAL/WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

20 NOVEMBER 2023

Universal Children's Day promote unity, and improve the welfare of children globally. It also marks the anniversary of when the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It is a day to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, as well as to take action to build a better world for children.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

10 DECMEBR 2023

International Human Rights Day marks the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. It is a highly significant day for global justice.



SAIS CORE TRAINING

DID YOU KNOW THE SAIS CORE TRAINING IS NOW HAVE 3 TQI- ACCREDITED MODULES READY FOR DELIVERY IN 2024.

Joining our Introductory and Extension training sessions is a 3rd newly accredited module for Physical Education and Sports teachers, coaches and sports co-ordinators.

This module has been delivered to students studying a Bachelor of Education in Health and Physical Education at the University of Canberra since 2018 and has been updated and adapted into a new training ready for 2024.

This training features 2 hours of content focused on inclusive sports and physical education, student experience, curriculum and sports carnivals and events. *See next pages for more details.*

MOVING FORWARD TO 2024

As the current SAISACT funding and contract period concludes, we are excited to announce that SHFPACT has partnered with A Gender Agenda, submitting our new vision for SAIS in 2024 and beyond to the ACT government. If approved, our new partnership will bring additional skills, growth, and energy to the team and the SAIS program. We expect to have more news about this early next year, so stay tuned!

The SAIS team wishes you a happy and safe summer holidays. We will be closed for the holidays from 22 December until 2 January 2024.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Would you like your school's event or student's work featured in our 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.

ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative



Introductory Training OVERVIEW

DURATION: 3 hours

MODE: Face-to-face

STRUCTURE

- 30 min Introduction to the ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative
- 1 hour - Sex, Gender, Sexuality and School
- 1 hour - Inclusive Practice Module 1 in Theory and Practice
- 30 mins - Selecting Inclusive Teaching and Learning Resources

Introduction to the ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative

This module will help you connect to the wider network of schools, services and support available when undertaking inclusion work around sex, gender, and sexuality.

Sex, Gender, Sexuality and School

Unpack the diversity of sex, gender, and sexuality and how this is present in school environments. Explore how this shapes the student experience with qualitative and quantitative Australia data.

Inclusive Practice Module 1 In Theory and Practice

Use inclusive principles and practical strategies to create inclusive school environments through case studies and guided, critical conversations that will help you to meet the needs of the school community.

Selecting Inclusive Teaching and Learning Resources

Explore the needs and benefits of inclusive resources in teaching and learning environments and where and how to find them. This module a practical introduction to inclusive learning.



**REGISTER TODAY FOR OUR FREE
PUBLIC SAIS CORE TRAINING**



Extension Training

OVERVIEW

DURATION: 3 hours

MODE: Face-to-face

STRUCTURE

- 30 mins - Sex, Gender, Sexuality Recap
- 1 hour - Supporting TGD + I students at School
- 30 min - Inclusive Practice Module 2 - Supporting Student Leadership Activities
- 1 hour - Embedding Inclusion in the Curriculum

Sex, Gender, Sexuality - Recap

A quick refresher and orientation to the concepts of sex, gender and sexuality through a practical and interactive activity supported by clarifying discussion.

Supporting TGD + I students at School

Explore practical ways to support TGD+I students at school and address specific barriers through case studies drawn from real-world examples and key resources

Inclusive Practice Module 2 Supporting Student Leadership Activities

Navigate ways to signpost inclusion, support student voice and foster an inclusive school community through student leadership supported by revised SAIS Resources.

Embedding Inclusion in the Curriculum

An introduction to inclusion in the curriculum with customisable content tailored to Early Years, Primary, Secondary and College contexts mapped to the Australian Curriculum

ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative



Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Physical Education and School Sport

DURATION: 2 hours

MODE: Face-to-face

STRUCTURE

- 30 mins – Sex, Gender, Sexuality and context
- 30 mins – Lived Experience and Media
- 45 min – Teaching Physical Education and the Curriculum
- 15 min – Sporting Events and School Carnivals

OVERVIEW

Sex, Gender, Sexuality and Context

A quick orientation to the concepts of sex, gender and sexuality supported by clarifying discussion followed by an introduction into the background and context of this work.

Lived Experience and Media

An exploration of the current climate and landscape of this space and the experiences of LGBTIQ+ students in sport and physical education and a look at the issues through the lens of mainstream media.

Teaching Physical Education and the Curriculum

A look at the way sports and physical education is present in schools and in the curriculum, paired with practical considerations, approaches and resources to make physical education more inclusive.

Sporting events and School Carnivals

An introduction to the new SAIS resource on sporting events and carnivals, showcasing ways to change how these are organised and conducted for a more equitable student experience.