

More than 890,000 students across Australia join together to ‘take a stand’ against bullying and violence



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Over 890,000 students from 1950 schools across the nation will ‘stand together’ in their school communities on Friday, 20 March – the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

Chair of the COAG Education Council and Queensland Education Minister, Kate Jones, said the National Day of Action had become a day of national importance for schools.

“The National Day of Action raises the profile about what schools are doing to create safe and supportive learning environments for young people – free from bullying, harassment and violence,” Minister Jones said.

“When Education Ministers from all states and territories jointly initiated the National Day of Action in 2011, they could not have anticipated just how important the day would become.

“I’m delighted Australian schools continue to show their support. It demonstrates that everyone has a role to play in sending the message to young people that bullying and violence are not okay at any time.

“Bullying is a real issue for many young people, and the National Day of Action provides an opportunity for school communities across Australia to come together to raise the profile of this anti-bullying message,” Minister Jones said.

Major anti-bullying events are happening in every state and territory on Friday 20 March.

Teachers, parents and students can visit the *Bullying. No Way!* website to access resources for dealing with bullying, including fact sheets, tips and advice, and lesson plans to support classroom teaching.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is managed by the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group.

For more information about the day, along with information and facts about bullying, visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

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