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Australian schools called to stand united and say *Bullying. No Way!*

Australian schools will mark the sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18 March 2016.

Chair of the COAG Education Council and Northern Territory Education Minister, Peter Chandler, is inviting Australian schools to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

“The National Day of Action calls on schools and communities to get involved, put their anti-bullying programs in the spotlight and educate the community about dealing with bullying and violence,” Minister Chandler said.

“The National Day is an opportunity for all schools across the nation to send out a powerful message that bullying and violence will not be tolerated at any time.

“By working together as a nation, we can help shape the behaviour and attitudes of our future generations, to stand united against bullying and violence,” he said.

“Schools are part of the foundation of our society, so it is vital that students, parents, teachers and school communities join a national conversation about reducing bullying”.

Schools are encouraged to register and make the day their own by organising local events and activities to support the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18 March.

The National Day, an initiative of all Australian education ministers, has been recognised annually since 2011. It continues to gain momentum, generating a widespread message across Australia that bullying and violence is not okay.

Parents, teachers and students can visit the *Bullying. No Way!* website (www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for a wide range of evidence-based resources, including lesson plans, fact sheets, and helpful ideas about how to counter bullying.

A new review of literature on student bullying by Australia’s Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group is also available on the site.

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