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Australian schools get ready take action against bullying and violence

Schools across the Australia are getting ready to take action and will stand up with their students on the Friday 17 March for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Chair of the COAG Education Council and Tasmania Minister, Jeremy Rockliff, is calling on school communities to be part of the positive day of action and work together to address bullying and violence.

“The National Day is one day for all schools to say ‘Bullying. No Way!’ and demonstrate their commitment to creating safe and supportive learning environments for all students,” Minister Rockliff said.

“Raising awareness of bullying and how we can work together as a nation to address it is important to create behavioural change in our society.

“Whether you’re a parent, teacher or child, you can help deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.” Minister Rockliff said.

This year, schools are invited to join the Embracing 2018 Stars School Challenge as part of their National Day of Action activities and pledge to make stars as a sign their school is committed to ending all forms of violence.

The Stars School Challenge supports the *One Million Stars to End Violence* project, with each star woven to feature in a public art installation for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Schools are equipped with a range of new materials and resources to support their National Day activities. Teaching resources for class activities and ideas for whole school events are available on the relaunched *Bullying. No Way!* website.

The 7th annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence day is an initiative of the Education Council and firmly placed on school calendars as a national day of importance.

The *Bullying. No Way!* website is a convenient one-stop shop for credible and current information about bullying www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

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