

Almost two million student voices say ‘Bullying. No Way!’ on Friday 16 March

One clear, important message is being voiced by approximately 2 million Australian students in 4575 schools across the country – more than half of Australian school students are saying ‘*Bullying. No Way!*’.

The Chair of the Education Council, Minister Susan Close, said the 2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence has record numbers of schools and students actively involved in the day.

“More than 1.97 million Australian students are today calling for a future where bullying and violence have no place and are making their voices heard in schools,” Minister Close said.

“Each school is making the day their own, involving students in activities, workshops, expos and events and working with their broader community to talk about the importance of saying *Bullying. No Way!*,” said Minister Close.

“Bullying is a serious issue that can have lifelong impacts. It is crucial that we all play a role.”

“It’s important that we connect, collaborate and evolve as a nation to set a positive direction and shape the attitude, behaviours and actions of all young people”.

Today, school communities are focusing on engagement activities to *Imagine a world free from bullying*. This provides a chance to open up the conversation with young Australians.

“Schools are hearing from students as they generate ideas, messages and artwork to say this is ‘My world free from bullying’. Schools are sharing their big ideas and solutions for a world where bullying and violence have no place with their communities.” Minister Close said.

For more information about the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and to access useful resources, materials, classroom discussion starters and engagement activities visit: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Get involved in your school community. For a full list of participating NDA schools across the nation visit: <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay/Pages/Participating-schools.aspx>

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