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ACSSO observes National Sorry Day

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Tomorrow is a significant day in the lives of the Australian people – a reflection of a significant time in Australia’s history

“As a nation we observe National Sorry Day as an opportunity to come together as a nation and share the journey towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities” stated Mr Phillip Spratt, President, Australian Council of State School Organisations

National Sorry Day also gives people the chance to write messages and sign “sorry books” as a way of showing their commitment towards reconciliation. They pledge their support towards fulfilling the recommendations from the *Bringing Them Home* report.

“Many school children across the nation take part in activities, which include essay competitions, lighting candles for Indigenous Australians who were taken away from their families and communities, and inviting local elders to speak with students.”

“It will be a time for remembering Australia’s rocky history but also a time for healing. National Reconciliation Week (**Friday 27 May – Friday 3 June 2016**) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.” Mr Spratt concluded

Our public schools are rich in culture – young people walk their learning journey together

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