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National Day of Action against bullying and violence

Today, March 18 marks the 12th Anniversary of the National Day of Action against bullying and violence.

ACSSO is proud to have been an ongoing supporter of this event since inception and urges schools and families to adopt the theme of Kindness. We encourage schools to promote inclusion, respect and a sense of community belonging for all staff, students and families.

“We have had a greater insight, particularly over the past two years where bullying is occurring online, in the workplace and schools. Bullying behaviour is a very serious and complex issue, which is not restricted just to schools. Our young people often reflect modelled behaviour.” Mrs Sharron Healy, ACSSO President stated “School staff play an important role in preventing and intervening in bullying, modelling appropriate relationships and developing a positive, inclusive school climate

We have seen, particularly since the pandemic a greater rise youth suicide rates highlight the need to address this issue immediately.

It takes a whole community to create social change; as we start to return to past routines and come out of lockdown of paramount importance is authentic active engagement of school staff, families and students to identify bullying, model respectful engagement and create a culture of inclusion and acceptance.” Mrs Healy concluded

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is endorsed by Australia’s Federal, state and territory education ministers, and all jurisdictions are working together to address bullying behaviour and violence in schools. Strategies and programs for students, parents, schools and the wider community are available on the Bullying No Way! website.

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