



SAFE SCHOOLS – PROGRAM PARTICIPATION PLAN

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

Wodonga Senior Secondary College is committed to creating and sustaining a safe, equitable, respectful and inclusive learning environment for every member of our school community, including every student, staff member and parent/carer who is same-sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse.

We acknowledge that there is diversity in the ways that people identify in relation to gender and sexuality.

We celebrate individuality and encourage students and staff to be free to be who they are, so that they can be happy and engaged at school.

We value a diverse curriculum that is inclusive of people who may identify as same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse.

We acknowledge that students may wish to express their identity by the clothes they wear (within the gender-neutral school uniform policy), their choice of partners at school events or the groups they identify with.

We value student input and leadership in policies and programs that align with WSSC's commitment to being a Safe School.

ACTIONS

Currently our school supports LGBTI inclusion by:

- Safe Schools student group
- Gender-neutral uniform
- Gender-neutral toilets
- Safe schools stickers, posters, etc. displayed throughout the school
- Respectful relationships curriculum compulsory for all students
- Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day and Wear it Purple Day.

Our school will take the following new actions to meet our commitment:

- Wellbeing staff take the lead to develop and to present 'gender' curriculum within the GP program.
- Staff leadership of student group to increase their voice and effectiveness.
- Increased promotion for LGBTI events and issues.
- Increased staff knowledge and understanding around LGBTI issues.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

The outcomes we would like to see at our school are:

- Student reference or leadership group having input into policy and programs.
- Increased visibility of LGBTI community within the school, not just on 'Days'.
- Consistency in staff approaches to LGBTI issues.