

## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The Northern Territory's peak body representing government school communities supports the annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, an initiative which encourages schools to focus on the issue of bullying in our community.

Tabby Fudge, president of the NT Council of Government School Organisations, says "Friday 17 March, the sixth National Day of Action Against Bullying, reminds us of the devastating impacts of bullying in our communities. More than one quarter of young people are bullied every fortnight, while one in 10 are cyber bullied every few weeks".

Ms Fudge says the impacts of bullying affect everyone and it is up to all community members to stand up.

"Students and parents should expect appropriate and prompt responses to bullying, which then sends a clear message that bullying is never okay and can stop it from escalating".

"The National Day of Action is a great opportunity for our schools to promote their anti-bullying policies, strategies and programs to their school community. Standing together as a community is our best chance to deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay."

"We are thrilled that today more than 20 000 Territory students participated and stood up against bullying on the National Day of Action".

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The Council of Government School Organisations represents almost 19 000 Northern Territory families, their 33,500 children and the school communities that support them, in 151 public schools.

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