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Schools called to take action on bullying for National Day of Action

Schools across Australia are being called on to get involved and take action on the ninth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

Education Council Chair, Minister John Gardner, said taking part in the event gives schools the chance to take action and empower young people to be part of the solution when addressing bullying in school communities.

"Today the Education Council is announcing school registrations are open for the 2019 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, which will be held on Friday 15 March 2019," Minister Gardner said.

"Next year's theme is ***Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.***

"For the 2018 NDA, we asked schools to 'Imagine a world free from bullying' in a student engagement activity. We will build on this theme next year by asking schools to share how they turn ideas into action to address bullying with student-led action areas.

"The new ***Bullying. No Way! Take action every day*** engagement materials provide students with a chance to drive the agenda and lead action in their school communities, not just on the NDA but all year round."

Minister Gardner said the full suite of ***Bullying. No Way! Take action every day*** teacher and student materials will be available before Term 1 2019 to equip schools when planning local events.

"Schools are encouraged to start identifying their activities with resources on the Bullying. No Way! Website," he said.

"The NDA will be a chance for all Australian schools and the wider community to take a stand against bullying and highlight the great work happening in schools. Whether you're a parent, teacher or student, you can take action to deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay."

Bullying. No Way! is the trusted government authority on bullying prevention, providing free quality resources on countering bullying in schools and early childhood settings. Bullying. No Way! supplies schools with a range of NDA materials to support their involvement.

NDA registrations are now open to all Australian schools at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

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