

AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

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<http://mychristiandaily.com.au/dr/safe-schools-directing-kids-to-age-inappropriate-websites-warrants-immediate-suspension> SAFE-SCHOOLS DIRECTING KIDS TO AGE-INAPPROPRIATE WEBSITES WARRANTS IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION 28/02/2016
“The Australia Christian Lobby said news that extreme erotic material has been promoted by websites linked to by the Government-funded Safe Schools Coalition were disturbing and warranted the immediate suspension of the program in Australian schools.”

ACL Managing Director Lyle Shelton said “The welfare of children must come first. To have a government-sponsored website instructing children to click through to age-inappropriate websites is a failure of the government’s duty of care. Commonwealth and State governments must immediately suspend the Safe Schools Coalition Program pending the review by Education Minister Simon Birmingham.”

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/safe-schools-do-better>

This is Safe School’s “...introductory guide to supporting gender diversity, intersex and sexual diversity in schools. It includes key research that underpins the program, practical information about how to create change, and how to get started.” These programmes are also in the USA.



<http://iowasafeschools.org/index.php/governors-conference/about-the-conference>

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/who-we-are> WHO WE ARE “Safe Schools Coalition Australia is a national coalition of organisations and schools working together to create safe and inclusive school environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families. It is funded by the Australian Government and, in Victoria, by the Victorian Government.

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) is the national convenor of Safe Schools Coalition Australia and has partnered with experienced organisations in every state and territory to directly support schools.”

“With government and community support, we are assisting hundreds of schools across the country in their efforts to actively promote safety, diversity, inclusion and respect for the whole school community. This includes working in partnership with government and independent schools, schools in diverse geographic locations, and faith-based schools.”

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/what-we-do> “Safe Schools Coalition Australia offers a suite of free resources and support to equip staff and students with skills, practical ideas and greater confidence to lead positive change and be safe and inclusive for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families.

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We work together with individual schools from a range of diverse contexts to tailor support that meets the needs of their community. This includes government and independent schools, schools in diverse geographic locations, and faith-based schools (Emphasis added).”

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/app/theme/default/design/assets/all-of-us/documents/student-handouts.pdf>

2Timothy 3:1

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves... unholy, 3 Without natural affection...”

Note in the above article where even the faith based schools are affected by this programme! Our children and grandchildren are being confronted with issues many of us knew nothing about when growing up. They definitely need our prayers!

MEET THE YOUNG PEOPLE



JAIMEE

Jaimee loves playing soccer, is passionate about helping those in need and wants to become a doctor. She has a Uruguayan background and in this video, explores the importance of having a supportive network at home and school. Her initial experience when she came out at school as a lesbian wasn't a positive one, but after shifting to an alternative high school, she discovered a supportive group of friends.

Jaimee discusses simple changes that teachers and students can make to ensure their classrooms and schools



NEVO

Nevo is a positive and confident young person with the same hopes and dreams as many young people. He tells a powerful story about growing up with the knowledge that the female sex assigned to him at birth did not match who he knew he truly was. He speaks about the unique challenges facing transgender people and how the people in their lives can be supportive. He also comments on the important difference between gender identity and sexual identity. Nevo's story will help to dismantle fears and stereotypes about transgender and



VIVIAN

Vivian grew up in a Chinese and Vietnamese family. She finds it funny how most Australians pronounce Phô. On the weekends you can find her running and jumping around Melbourne with her Parkour teammates.

A budding chef who loves finding more ways to incorporate Oreos into various desserts, Vivian is only 17 yet has already had a lifetime of experiences. Vivian is bisexual. For her, it is not the gender but the person you fall in love with. She attends a supportive and welcoming Catholic high school and describes in this video how schools can be important supports for LGBTI young people.



PHOEBE

Phoebe is an award winning young filmmaker from Brisbane. She loves spending time with her family and friends, playing ultimate frisbee, Bollywood dancing and gardening. Phoebe is intersex and has androgen insensitivity syndrome (AIS). This means that, even though Phoebe identifies as a woman, she has male chromosomes and her body does not respond to hormones in the same way that most girls' bodies do. Phoebe explains what it means to be intersex and the difficult experience of not having a shared experience of puberty with friends. She also speaks about the positive difference that having supportive friends can make.