

GLBTI

Agencies, Programs & Resources

This document has been put together from various sources to guide school staff and youth workers towards the appropriate and useful resources which may assist them in helping local young people.

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Agencies

PFLAG Victoria

Useful for: ✓					
Staff		Students	✓	Parents	✓

Web site: www.pflagvictoria.org.au

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) provides support and friendship to families, particularly parents and also to members of the GLBTI community who may need support in coming out to their family and friends.

Programs

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard

Useful for: ✓					
Staff		Students	✓	Parents	

This is a free and confidential telephone-based counselling, information and referral service based in Melbourne. Counsellors are available from 6pm to 10pm daily on Mondays to Thursday, except for Wednesdays where counsellors are available from 2pm to 6pm. And on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 2p to 9 pm

For more information phone 9827 8544 or visit the website: www.switchboard.org.au

Minus 18

Web site: www.minus18.org.au

Useful for: ✓					
Staff		Students	✓	Parents	

Provides a safe space for same sex attracted youth in Melbourne to meet new people and have fun, whilst providing a safe way to explore the gay 'scene' in a drug and alcohol free environment.

Visit the website for details: www.minus18.org.au

The Banyule GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

Useful for: ✓					
Staff		Students	✓	Parents	

The Banyule GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) provides opportunities for young people who are GLBTIQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans-sexual, Inter-gender and Queer) their friends, family and supporters to engage in a positive and safe space to be themselves, connect with their peers and be supported by youth workers. Young people have a couple of different ways to get involved. Those 14 – 18 years have the opportunity to participate in a range of social activities; 18 – 25 year olds have the opportunity to become mentors to the younger group.

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Resources

Challenging Homophobia in Schools

A guide for school staff

Useful for: ✓				
Staff	✓	Students		Parents

Source: Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria
www.glhv.org.au

This resource has been developed to provide information and practical strategies on why and how to tackle homophobia. How can you help make sure your school is a safe school, where every family can belong, every teacher can teach and every student can learn?

Download in Pdf: <http://www.glhv.org.au/resource/challenging-homophobia-schools-guide-school-staff>

Other resources available at this site include:

- [Some people are gay. Get over it! \(UK\)](#)
- [Supporting Sexual Diversity in Schools - A Guide](#)
- [Stand Out: Against Homophobia in Schools \(student resource\)](#)
- [Supporting Sexual Diversity in School](#)
- [I'm really no different from you - Stories and Insights from SSAY in Melbourne's West](#)
- [Out and Proud! - 60 Minutes Channel 9](#)
- [Safe Schools Coalition Victoria](#)

Depression and anxiety in young people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex

Useful for: ✓				
Staff		Students	✓	Parents

Youthbeyondblue fact sheets - information for young people (GLBTI) - Fact sheet 2 / www.youthbeyondblue.com/factsheets-and-info/fact-sheet-22-depression-and-anxiety-in-glbti-young-people

For a list of fact sheets and information for young people, visit Youthbeyondblue website.
www.youthbeyondblue.com/factsheets-and-info

Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria

Useful for: ✓				
Staff	✓	Students		Parents

Source: www.glhv.org.au

Promotes the health and wellbeing of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and intersexual (GLBTI) people in Victoria. Their website contains links to many services and reports.

Gay Share: Melbourne

Useful for: ✓				
Staff		Students	✓	Parents

Source: www.gayshare.com.au

Gay share is a quick and easy way for Lesbian and Gay people in Melbourne to find gay friendly homes and flatmates.

For more information visit the [Gay Share](http://www.gayshare.com.au) website. www.gayshare.com.au

Joy 94.9FM

Useful for: ✓				
Staff		Students	✓	Parents

Joy FM is Australia's first Gay & lesbian radio station. It is an intimate, available and immediate way for you to link instantly to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and Intersex (GLBTI) community.

For more information phone 9699 2949 or visit the Joy 94.9 FM website: www.joy.org.au

Safe Schools Coalition

Useful for: ✓					
Staff	✓	Students	✓	Parents	✓

Web site: www.safeschoolscoalitionvictoria.org.au

Safe Schools Coalition Victoria (SSCV) is a coalition of schools and individuals dedicated to creating safer educational environments where same sex attracted and gender questioning young people are supported, where every family can belong, where every teacher can teach and every student can learn. SSCV provides training, resources and consultancy for every school in Victoria to support sexual diversity and gender diversity, and thereby enhance school performance.

The SSCV role is to tackle and reduce homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism within school communities in order to allow schools to better meet the needs of their same sex attracted and gender diverse students as well as creating safer environments for all students.

They do this through;

1. Membership – encouraging schools to make a commitment to becoming safer schools and to be recognised as delivering best practice in this area.
2. Training – equipping all school staff and school leadership teams with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively address homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism and provide a safer environment.
3. Resources – providing up to date, useful, and accessible resources to schools, staff and students, to support sexual and gender diversity.
4. Consultancy – providing tailored support and guidance for schools around specific issues or concerns.

SSAFE (Same-Sex Attracted Friendly Environments)

Useful for: ✓					
Staff	✓	Students	✓	Parents	✓

This is a website operated by Family Planning Victoria that provides a regularly updated list of same sex attracted youth services around the state.

For more information visit the SSAFE website: www.ssafeschools.org.au/transgender.cfm

The Rainbow Network

Useful for: ✓					
Staff	✓	Students	✓	Parents	✓

Source: www.rainbownetwork.net.au

Rainbow Network Victoria is for anyone who works with same sex attracted or gender questioning young people in any setting. They provide free resources, training, and newsletters, networking events, advice and guidance.

The website has a section specifically for schools focused on supporting in challenging homophobia and transphobia in schools, and to help make a whole-school approach to supporting sexual diversity a reality in Victoria. Refer to: www.rainbownetwork.net.au/schools

Writing Themselves in 3 – The third national study on the health and wellbeing of same sex attracted and gender questioning young people: Lynne Hillier, Tiffany Jones, Marisa Monagle, Naomi Overton, Luke Ghan, Jennifer Blackman, Anne

Useful for: ✓					
Staff	✓	Students		Parents	

“There is clear evidence in this report that schools can make a major contribution to the health and safety of SSAGQ students by effectively addressing homophobia. All education authorities should show leadership in this area with clear policies and adequate resourcing to ensure all Australian schools are legitimised and supported in this work.

Schools should have a specific policy on homophobic bullying which offers well-publicised protection to SSAGQ students.

Such policies should be implemented as part of a whole school approach to ensuring a supportive environment for SSAGQ students.

For more information see www.safeschoolscoalitionvictoria.org.au. Those who offer one to one counselling and support to young people in schools should be trained to receive and work with a disclosure about sexual orientation or gender identity in a positive, non-judgemental and constructive manner”

Videos

Sourced from: Promethean Planet www.prometheanplanet.com

Note: Many of the free videos were originally available from the now defunct UK website Teachers TV

Challenging Homophobia

Discover a secondary school's successful anti-bullying strategy.

Submitted: 29/09/11 by [Teachers TV](#)

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Homophobia

A teenager shares his experience of homophobic bullying.

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