



Safe Schools Coalition Australia (SSCA) Programme

Terms of Reference for the review of the appropriateness and efficacy of programme resources.

Purpose

An independent review of the appropriateness and efficacy of the current resources provided to schools under the SSCA programme.

Context

The SSCA was funded \$8 million, under a four year contract, by the previous Labor Government to fund the Foundation for Young Australians to develop and implement the SSCA programme nationally.

The programme aims to reduce the harm and risks that confront same sex attracted or gender diverse students. Its objective is to ensure that schools can offer a safe and supportive learning environment where all students, staff and families are treated with dignity and respect.

The programme provides teaching and learning resources that aim to assist teachers to increase students' understanding and awareness of gender diversity, sexual diversity and intersex topics in ways that are aligned to the Health and Physical Education learning areas of the Australian Curriculum.

Roles and responsibilities

- Advise the extent to which they are:
 - consistent with the intent and objectives of the programme;
 - a suitable and robust resource for school teachers and students;
 - age appropriate;
 - educationally sound; and
 - aligned to the Australian Curriculum.
- and Review the extent to which parents and school communities are consulted about the use of these resources and the adequacy of such consultation.

Reporting

A report will be submitted to the Department of Education and Training by 11 March 2016.