

# NSW Anti-bullying Strategy - Revised Policy for NSW Public Schools



## What is the NSW anti-bullying strategy?

- Bullying of any kind is not acceptable in NSW schools.
- NSW has undertaken considerable work to assist schools implement proactive approaches to student bullying behaviour.
- The 2017-18 Budget provides new funding over three years to support the NSW Anti-bullying Strategy across all education sectors in NSW.
- It includes the NSW anti-bullying website <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au> released in July 2017 which includes evidence-based resources and information for schools, parents and carers, and students.
- The site includes lesson plans for teachers to use in their classrooms which have been developed by teachers for teachers. More materials are in development, and will be progressively published.
- The strategy includes a strong professional development program for staff including a conference, regional workshops, and online professional learning with the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner.
- The strategy also expands the Youth Aware of Mental Health Program, an evidence-based wellbeing program for 14-16 year olds.

## Some statistics

- 280,000 page views on the website at 12 June 2018.
- You're Wonderful, over 2 million views <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/for-students/youre-wonderful>
- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence 1,294 schools and 543,948 students participated across NSW in 2018.

## How is the revised policy different?

### Bullying of Students – Prevention and response policy

The policy **aligns with** the NSW Anti-bullying Strategy. The NSW anti-bullying website provides resources to implement the policy.

The policy is more **streamlined** and will assist schools to implement whole-school approaches and practices to address student bullying.

The policy **supports** an evidence-based and consistent state-wide approach.

The policy has been **reduced** from 42 pages to 6 pages saving significant administrative time.

The Anti-bullying Plan is a more **practical** tool to assist schools implement and communicate their plan.

## The big picture

- Objective: Students feel safe from bullying behaviour at school.
- Bullying is less likely to occur in a caring, respectful and supportive teaching and learning community.

## What will schools need to do?

Check out the policy in the Policy Library <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library>

Implement the policy and complete the Anti-bullying Plan for their school during 2018.

Schools that do not have an Anti-bullying Plan for 2018 should complete the new plan template before the end of 2018.

Schools that have already completed an Antibullying Plan for 2018, should use the new template from 2019 onwards.

## Need more information?

Head to <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au>  
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