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State & Territory Education Department and school-based support for Trans, Gender Diverse and Non-binary Students

Knowing about policy and legislation which supports your child will be very helpful when you approach your school. It is a good idea to print out the relevant documents, read and highlight the sections that you think are most applicable. Take these with you to the school so that you can use them if the school is not responding as they should be.

There are also links here to the human rights and/or equal opportunity commissions in your state or territory, they will be a helpful source of advice and information and may also be able to provide you with advocacy assistance.

National Resources

Transcend Australia

Transcend Australia's purpose is to support, affirm and celebrate the lives of trans & gender diverse children and their families and carers. We provide information, support and referrals to families across Australia and work to empower trans and gender diverse children and young people. Transcend Australia also provides support and training for organisations and schools.

Transforming Families

Transforming Families is an academic and community collaboration supporting parents of gender diverse children. Find research, resources and support for your family.

The Student Wellbeing Hub

Funded by the Federal government, it is a resource hub for parents, teachers and students to build safe, inclusive and connected school communities that promote wellbeing and learning. A guide for schools about supporting a student to affirm their gender at school.

The Australian Student Wellbeing Framework

is based on evidence that demonstrates the strong association between safety, wellbeing and learning. The language in this framework will be helpful if you are needing to advocate to the school about inclusion, using a wellbeing framework.

All of Us

is a Health and Physical Education resource for years 7 & 8 on the topic of gender and sexual diversity. Includes some great short videos of people talking about their experiences of being LGBTI.

Justice Connect

Has a LGBTIQ resource hub with a series of fact sheets, including some with advice about your legal rights at school in each state and territory.

State Based Resources

Victoria

Safe Schools

- Guide to making your school safe and inclusive for LGBTIQA+ students.

Justice Connect

- Your legal rights at school.
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia.

Victorian Government

- Inclusive Language Guide.

Victorian Department of Education

- LGBTIQ+ Student Support.

New South Wales

Justice Connect

- NSW:Your legal rights at school.
- NSW:How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia.

NSW Department of Education

- Transgender students in schools.

Queensland

Justice Connect

- Your legal rights at school
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia

Queensland Government

- Support for young people who identify as LGBTIQ+

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Western Australia
Justice Connect
- Your legal rights at school
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia

WAAC
- LGBTIQ+ Education and Inclusion training

School Sports WA
- Inclusion and Transgender Students

South Australia
Justice Connect
- Your legal rights at school
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia

South Australia Department of Education
- Gender diverse, intersex and sexually diverse children and young people
- Supporting gender diverse, intersex and sexually diverse children and young people policy
- Gender diverse and intersex children and young people support procedure

Australian Capital Territory
Justice Connect
- Your legal rights at school
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia

ACT Government
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative

ACT Department of Education
- Support for Students and Families

Northern Territory
Justice Connect
- Your legal rights at school
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia

Tasmania
Justice Connect
- Your legal rights at school
- How to deal with gender discrimination and transphobia

Tasmania Department of Education
- Supporting Sexual and Gender Diversity in Schools and Colleges Guidelines

Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commissions

The Australian Human Rights Commission and relevant state-based Human Rights or Equal Opportunity Commissions are often an excellent source of information, resources and advice on the rights of all Australians in multiple contexts and different jurisdictions.

They are also the main point of contact for advice and to make complaints about incidents of discrimination, harassment and vilification. In some cases, they may be able to offer training or school-specific resources based on the legislation in the State or Territory that falls under their jurisdiction.

Australian Human Rights Commission
https://humanrights.gov.au/

ACT Human Rights Commission
https://www.hrc.act.gov.au/

NSW Anti-discrimination Commission
https://antidiscrimination.nsw.gov.au/

NT Anti-discrimination Commission
adc.nt.gov.au

QLD Human Rights Commission
qhrc.qld.gov.au

Equal Opportunity SA
https://www.equalopportunity.sa.gov.au/

TAS Equal Opportunity
equalopportunity.tas.gov.au

VIC Human Rights & EO Commission
humanrights.vic.gov.au

WA Equal Opportunity Commission
eoc.wa.gov.au

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