

## Days of celebration and remembrance

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### Key messages

- There are many **days of celebration and remembrance** related to **relationships and sexuality**.
- A list of ways to **incorporate** these into **your school culture and curriculum** are provided.
- A calendar of **special days and links** are provided.

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### Ways to incorporate these days into your school

Here are some ways that these days can be incorporated into your school culture and curriculum:



- Add to your school calendar and newsletters with links to relevant information and support sites.
- Display on your classroom board with some information about the importance of the day.
- A 5 minute share with the class, the staff meeting, the assembly, etc.
- A [guest speaker](#) on the topic.
- A themed morning tea or shared lunch with students, staff, P&C, parents.
- [Professional development](#) for staff on a related topic.
- Have students or staff share their expertise and/or knowledge on the topic area.
- Read a book to the class on the topic area.
- Decorate an area of your classroom, staff room, school or office.

- Display books on the topic area.
- Watch short videos on the topic area. (See [Resource section](#) and filter by topic and video for ideas).
- Listen to music on the topic area. (See [Resource section](#) and filter by topic and music for ideas).
- Fundraise for the area of support (e.g. ribbons, badges, lanyards and other merchandise that has been created to help fundraise for the day).
- Host a special event (e.g. a colour run, a special assembly, an excursion/incursion, dress-up day, dance).
- Have students and staff share reasons why the day is important to them or why they think the day is important.
- Research the history of the day.

## Days to commemorate

Date	Occasion	What the occasion celebrates and/or commemorates	Links to sites
14 February	Valentine's Day	Celebrating love, affection and romance	<a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com">Valentine's Day (nationalgeographic.com)</a>
14 February	National Condom Day	Promoting condom use and safer sex practices	<a href="https://www.shq.org.au">National Condom Day 2024 - Sexual Health Quarters (shq.org.au)</a>
14 February (week of)	Sexual Health Week	Celebrating and promoting sexual health in its entirety	<a href="#">Sexual Health Week 2024 - WAAC</a>
20 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence	Promotes ways to prevent bullying and violence in schools and communities	<a href="#">Bullying No Way: National week of action</a>
21 March	Harmony Day (and week)	Celebrates cultural diversity	<a href="#">Harmony week - Everyone belongs</a>
31 March	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Celebration of trans pride and awareness, recognising trans and gender diverse experiences and achievements	<a href="#">Trans Day of Visibility   #TDOV</a> <a href="#">Home - TransFolk of WA</a>
15 May	International Day of Families	Promotes awareness of issues relating to families with different themes each year	<a href="#">International Day of Families   United Nations</a>

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17 May	International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)	Celebrates LGBTQIA+ people globally and raises awareness for the work still needed to combat discrimination	<a href="#">Home   IDAHOBIT</a>
26 May	National Sorry Day	Acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people forcibly removed from their families	<a href="#">Home - Reconciliation Australia</a>
27 May - 3 June	National Reconciliation Week	Celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians	<a href="#">Home - Reconciliation Australia</a>
First Sunday of July (week)	National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week	Celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	<a href="#">Home page   NAIDOC</a>
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Aims to mobilise action on the elimination of viral hepatitis through a coordinated response	<a href="#">World Hepatitis Day</a> <a href="#">HepatitisWA</a>
30 July	International Day of Friendship	Promotes friendship between people, countries, cultures and individuals to inspire peace	<a href="#">International Day of Friendship   United Nations</a>
27 August	Wear It Purple Day	Fosters supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow (LGBTI+) young people	<a href="#">WEAR IT PURPLE</a>
31 August	International Overdose Awareness Day	Aims to end overdose, remember those who have died	<a href="#">International Overdose Awareness Day: 31 August (overdoseday.com)</a>
September	Sexual Health Month	Aims to expand conversations and resources around sexual health	<a href="#">SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH (nationaltoday.com)</a>
4 September	World Sexual Health Day	Raising awareness of sexual health and sexual rights	<a href="#">World Sexual Health Day   World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)</a>
First Monday in September (week)	Women's Health Week	Dedicated to all women across Australia to make good health a priority	<a href="#">Women's Health Week   Jean Hailes</a>

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10 September	R U OK? Day	Raising awareness of mental health and preventing suicide	<a href="#">Plan your R U OK?Day activities   R U OK?</a>
November	WA PrideFest	Celebration of LGBTQI+ community - history, presence and future	<a href="#">Home - Pride WA</a>
20 November	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of transphobic violence	<a href="#">Home - TransFolk of WA</a>
1 December	World AIDS Day	Raises awareness about issues surrounding HIV and AIDS, shows support for people living with HIV and commemorates people who have lost their lives	<a href="#">World AIDS Day</a> <a href="#">WAAC: Healthy, Included, Connected   WAAC</a>
3 December	International Day for People Living with Disability	Aims to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate their achievements and contributions	<a href="#">International Day of People with Disability (idpwd.com.au)</a>