

## **JOINT STATEMENT**

**Premier and Minister for Trade**  
**The Honourable Anastacia Palaszcuk**

**Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations**  
**The Honourable Grace Grace**

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### **Tackling cyberbullying number one priority for new Qld school programs**

Students in 55 Queensland state and non-state schools will benefit from new specially targeted programs designed to keep them safe from the dangers and perils of cyberbullying.

The initial \$750,000 roll-out is backed by a partnership between the Palaszcuk Government, Dolly's Dream and the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

The two charities aim to change the culture of bullying in our schools and our community.

Premier Anastacia Palaszcuk said tragically, cyberbullying is one of the gravest issues facing us today.

"Cyberbullying enables the troubles young people experience through the day just don't end at the school gate.

"Yes, the internet is a great place for students to learn and socialise. Sadly, however there are so many traps and risks out there just waiting to snare and damage them.

"We are working proactively with Dolly's Dream and the Alannah and Madelaine Foundations to better equip parents and schools," Ms Palaszcuk said.

"It's imperative we teach our school communities about online behaviours, social media and the tools needed to tackle cyberbullying.

"That's exactly what these eSmart programs are all about.

"It's encouraging to see such a large mix of state and non-state schools right round Queensland have applied to be part of this latest vital initiative," Ms Palaszcuk said.

Education Minister Grace Grace said we are committed to doing everything we can to help stamp out this insidious problem in our society and as a community, we're doing it together.

"The partnership with Dolly's Dream and the Alannah & Madeline Foundation is a key feature of the Government's \$3.5 million on-going commitment to implement the recommendations of the Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce.

"This is just one of the ways we can reach all corners of our state and further educate our children that cyberbullying is unacceptable, it's hurtful and it's dangerous.

"As part of the new initiative, an officer from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation will be located in Queensland to ensure schools receive timely support, if and when they need it."

"And there are already a number of cybersafety programs in place across Queensland state schools," Ms Grace said.

"As part of our eSmart programs, schools are able to roll out the eSmart Schools Framework, hold workshops for parents and teachers and provide digital licences for individual students," she said.

"The value of the programs ranges from \$500 to \$14,000 depending on each component of the program and the number of students involved," Ms Grace said.

CEO of Alannah & Madeline Foundation Lesley Podesta welcomed the opportunity to work with more Queensland schools.

"We have to do everything we can to make sure children are safe from cyberbullying," Ms Podesta said.

"Being able to work with so many Queensland schools gives us the opportunity to educate more students, teachers and parents, and to raise awareness of the potential risks of cyberbullying."

The number of cybersafety programs already in place across Queensland state schools are:

- The Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group (SSSC) provides advice on bullying, harassment and violence for teachers, parents and students through the Bullying. No Way! Website
- A specialist Bullying Response team of senior officers are in place to respond immediately to referrals for urgent advice and support to families affected by bullying
- The SSSC also delivers the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, held in March every year
- The Department has a dedicated team of specialists in the Cybersafety and Reputation Management Team (CRMT) to help schools to respond to and prevent inappropriate online behaviour.

**List of participating schools in the eSmart Program:**

School	Sector
Biloela State High School	State
Gladstone West State School	State
Glenden P-12 State School	State
St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Emerald	Catholic
Taranganba State High School	State
Toolooa State High School	State
Moffatdale State School	State
Newtown State School	State

Pittsworth State High School	State
St Joseph's School, Stanthorpe	Catholic
Wyreema State School	State
Bentley Park State College	State
Cooktown State School	State
Good Counsel College, Innisfail	Catholic
Gordonvale State High School	State
Kairi State School	State
Miallo State School	State
Woree State High School	State
Aspley State Special School	State
Boondall State School	State
Brisbane Christian College, Salisbury	Independent
Camp Hill Infants and Primary State School	State
Immaculate Heart Catholic School, West Ipswich	Catholic
Mount Gravatt State School	State
Northgate State School	State

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	Catholic
Padua College, Kedron	Catholic
Riverview State School	State
Springfield Lakes State School	State
St Agatha's Primary School, Clayfield	Catholic
St Aidan's Anglican Girls School, Corinda	Independent
St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace	Catholic
Whites Hill State College	State
Kawungan State School	State
Kurwongbah State School	State
Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Caloundra	Catholic
Peregian Beach College	Independent
Tullawong State School	State
Undurba State School	State
Urangan State High School	State
Collinsville State High School	State
Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa	Catholic

Home Hill State High School	State
Ignatius Park College, Townsville	Catholic
Ingham State High School	State
Kalamia State School	State
St John Bosco Catholic School, Collinsville	Catholic
St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra, Townsville	Catholic
St Joseph's Catholic School, The Strand, North Ward, Townsville	Catholic
Biggera Waters State School	State
Blackall Range Independent School	Independent
Helensvale State High School	State
Shailer Park State School	State
Southport State School	State
Springwood Road State School	State