NSW Department of Education

Professional learning that supports multifaith inclusion

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These professional learning resources support understanding of religious practices and beliefs, providing guidance and strategies to address the Intercultural Understanding General Capability.

Professional learning

Culturally Inclusive Teaching and professional learning

This is a self-paced 4-hour MyPL course to support teachers develop and implement culturally inclusive teaching strategies and practices to enable all students to participate successfully in our culturally diverse society.

Culturally Inclusive Teaching and Learning professional learning

Engaging Culturally Diverse Communities

This is a 5-hour MyPL training course targeted to school leaders and staff who want to develop their skills in effectively communicating and engaging with their parents/carers and community members from culturally, linguistically, and religiously diverse communities.

Engaging Culturally Diverse Communities

Further professional learning

Anti- Racism – foundations for change – This is a 45-minute MyPL course that aims to set firm foundations for all staff to prevent and respond to racism. It is framed around the idea that to eliminate racism we need to deepen our understanding of its impact and commit to anti-racism actions to prevent it.

Anti-bullying interventions in schools – This is a 2-hour MyPL course allows educators to engage with contemporary literature on anti-bullying interventions and connect it to their own practice.

Community Engagement Module 1 – This is a 1-hour MyPL course that promotes the value of community engagement in supporting the progress, achievement and wellbeing of students.

Facing up to Racism – This is a 3.5-hour MyPL course that deepens awareness of racism and how it manifests and operates. It also explores ways to challenge bias, stereotypes, and racism and develop an anti-racist stance to combat the impact of racism on student wellbeing and learning outcomes.

Restorative Practice – This is a 3-hour MyPL course. It provides a foundational understanding of whole school teaching and learning approaches that encourage supportive and respectful behaviour.

School Excellence – Authentic Community Engagement – This is a 1-hour MyPL course that aims to develop a foundational understanding of authentic community engagement, in relation to the School Excellence cycle.

Resources

Anti-Racism School Leaders

Information for principals to lead the development of school practices and procedures that eradicate expressions of racism and challenge attitudes that enable them. They model appropriate behaviour and lead positive change within the school community.

Anti-Racism School Leaders

Calendar for cultural diversity

The Calendar for Cultural Diversity promotes intercultural understanding, cultural and linguistic diversity, community harmony, and social inclusion across NSW public schools and their communities.

Calendar for cultural diversity

Leadership – Whole-school approach to bullying

Visible leadership inspires positive school communities, with school leaders establishing approaches and procedures that promote wellbeing and foster a supportive school climate in where bullying is less likely to occur.

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Planning multi-faith visits

This provides practical resources and information about various religions and how to engage with and plan community engagement.

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Racism, No Way – Religious discrimination

This webpage includes videos and information on Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Sikh and Hindu discrimination.

Racism No Way

Spiritual wellbeing strategies

This information related to spiritual wellbeing is part of the Wellbeing Framework for Schools and discusses meaning and purpose formed through a range of influences including culture, community, and religion. It includes the beliefs, values and ethics we hold.

Spiritual wellbeing strategies

Further resources

Applying an equity lens in education – This is resources and information and guidance on how to offer equitable education to all students.

Engaging communities – Professional learning, strategies and teaching resources to facilitate conversations about racism, incorporating Aboriginal perspectives.

Henry Parkes Equity Resource Centre – This website offers multiple books targeting intolerance and religious education.

Maintaining objectivity in the learning environment – This document offers guidance on what it means to be objective within the school context in times of crisis.

Positive Behaviour Support – This resource helps to build positive relationships and provides classroom teachers with support to understand and describe ways to develop these relationships, use communication to enhance positive interactions, and develop and establish strategies to encourage positive relationships.

Religious Days of Significance – This document provides a comprehensive calendar of key religious and spiritual days from diverse faiths.

Restorative practice – this resource provides information about restorative practice, which is a whole-school teaching and learning approach that encourages supportive and respectful behaviour.

Support in times of crisis – Comprehensive information and links to resources for schools to help students and the school community who are affected by war and other external conflicts.

Whole school approach to bullying – This resource assists in preventive actions, including planning initiatives that promote and support diversity, and specifically identifying any bias-based issues within the school community.

Working with families – This resource assists school leaders in building strong links with parents and community.

Links

- Multicultural education

- Religious education and special education in ethics (nsw.gov.au)

- [Other activities of a religious nature in schools](#)

- [Anti-racism education](#)

- [Universal Resources Hub (URH) - Anti-bullying resources collection](#)

- [Anti-bullying](#)

- [Strengthening harmony and building resilience in school communities: Advice for schools](#)

- [Racism No Way](#) website

- [Interpreting and translations](#)

- [Assessment tool for allegations of bullying, discrimination and harassment](#)

Policies and procedures

- [Anti-Racism Policy](#)

- [Multicultural Education Policy](#)

- [Other activities of a religious nature in schools](#)

- [Special religious education and special education in ethics procedures](#)

- [Student behaviour](#)

- [Student health and wellbeing](#) policy

- [Uniforms at school procedures](#)

- [Values in NSW Public Schools](#)

- [Discrimination Standards](#)

- [Exemption from school procedure](#)