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*Making our campuses safe – a united
front against GBV*

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National Plan against gender-based violence 2022 - 2032

The world should be a safer place for all,

and it should be gender-based violence free.

It is a shared vision in Australia that gender-based violence ends. To this effect the Australian government released a national 10-year plan. Underpinning this national agenda are a number of focused strategies.

To achieve this, it is important to educate all Australians about appropriate values, behaviours, expectations, and their own worth as a person.

Of relevance to those of us working in education is the soon to be legislated National Code to end gender-based violence in higher education.



National Code

Why a National Code?

What does it cover?

What does it hope to achieve?

Who will it apply to?

How will it be managed?



National Code

It is not enough that we create safe environments including campuses.

The objective of the NC is to create GBV free campuses, be they physical or virtual.

It should not take 10 years to achieve some degree of outcomes.

Sure, it cannot be done overnight, but it can be done.

And it must be done.



National Code

There are 7 standards covering:

- *leadership & governance*
- *policies & procedures*
- *complaints & disciplinary procedures*
- *education & training*
- *support services*
- *data & reporting*
- *owned &/or operated student accommodation.*

Each standard is prescriptive in its detail.

A guidance note will support providers with their implementation.



National Code

Acknowledging that a top-down approach to change has not been successful the principle of educating our students about what is right behaviour we set Australia up for future generations who are empathic, respectful and compassionate.

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, be it in industry, the arts, education, politics, law, or social advocacy.



National Code

The NC applies to all registered higher education providers in Australia, be they public or private, profit or not.

It applies to students and staff alike.

This assists in addressing the National Strategy of making Australia safe for women. It also creates a collective mindset ensuring everyone is on the same page.

The NC has a whole of institution remit acknowledging the variability and diversity of the sector.

This means where the provider is dual or multi sector it will apply to all students and staff, not just those engaged in higher education.

The NC is inclusive of diversity be that religion, race, gender identity, sexual orientation,

It is trauma informed.



Make our campuses safe

Not just our campuses, but also our streets, media, entertainment venues, and our homes.

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