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Family Life Victoria joins forces to bring new anti-bullying programs to schools

Family Life Victoria (FLV) is amalgamating with a major NSW relationship services organisation, in a move that will see more services being offered to Victorian schools.

From May 2017, Family Life Victoria will operate as a subsidiary of Interrelate. Both FLV and Interrelate stemmed from the same foundation organisation in 1926, the Father and Son Welfare Movement of Australia, before the states began operating as separate branches.

Family Life Victoria currently provides sexuality education in schools, and has now added anti-bullying programs to its repertoire as a result of the amalgamation. With studies showing that 1 in 4 students in Australia have reported being bullied, Patricia Occelli, CEO of Interrelate and Family Life Victoria believes the new programs are going to be an enormous benefit to the schools they work with.

Key facts and figures

“We are already engaged with over 30,000 students and 400 schools across Victoria through our sexuality programs. These new anti-bullying programs have the potential to have a significant impact on the lives of thousands of children” said Jenny Wood, Victorian Manager.

“We take the same approach to bullying as we do sexuality education – believing that early intervention combined with age appropriate education will allow children to understand and develop healthy relationships with others.”

“The anti-bullying programs, which can be booked from now, have recently been accredited by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and include topics on raising awareness of bullying, cybersafety, risky online behaviour, sexual exploitation and grooming, sexting and pornography.”

For information on programs and bookings, contact Family Life Victoria on (03) 9813 2377.



About Interrelate

Interrelate has been a not-for-profit provider of relationship services to individuals, couples, families, children, schools and communities for more than 90 years. Each year, Interrelate helps more than 90,000 people strengthen their relationships. If you need support or would like more information about Interrelate's programs, contact us on 1300 i relate (1300 473 528) or visit www.interrelate.org.au.

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