

# Student Petition

How to approach your school to host  
Wear It Purple Day

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PURPLE**



# What is Wear it Purple?

Wear It Purple is an initiative to support Rainbow Youth (this is how we refer to our Queer allies – our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans, and other friends!). It is celebrated with Wear It Purple Day on the last Friday of August every year.

This year, the theme is Write Your Story!

Wear It Purple commenced as a student led initiative, and we want to see students utilise their voice to see it continue! After all, what can help you Write Your Story more than taking action?!

# What is a Petition?

A petition is a collection of names of people in a given community who show their support for a particular issue. So, in this case, the more people who put their name on the following pages, the more support you have to running a Wear It Purple Day at your school! Petitions are a great way to show quick support for an issue, and by people signing their name it shows they are clearly in support of an issue.



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# How do I approach someone with this?

Approaching people with this can be a bit challenging – and that's okay. Use our simple steps below (along with example 'what to say'!)

Step	What the goal is	Step	What you could say
1	Introduce yourself	1	Hi, I'm ...
2	Introduce your goal	2	I want my school to run a Wear It Purple day on the last Friday of August ...
3	Clarify your goal	3	Wear It Purple day is to support our Rainbow Youth – I want them to see that they are valued at our school.
4	Ask to sign the petition	4	I would like to take a petition to my school showing support for this, would you mind signing?

Not everyone might sign, and that's okay!





# Who can sign a petition for my school to run Wear It Purple?

You may think only students can sign. In fact, you can get any person who is a part of your school to sign: teachers, staff, parents, the local community!

# What do I do once I've completed the petition?

Along with our 'Student Letter' (make sure you finish filling it in!), show the Senior Executive or Principal the letter and all the signatures that are a part of your petition.

When you speak with them, have an idea of what events you'd like to celebrate for Wear It Purple Day. You can have a purple clothing day, decorate classroom doors, paint a mural – for suggestions, check out our "How To Wear It Purple" resource on our website!

Most importantly,  
GOOD LUCK!



# Student Letter

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

(write the name of your Principal, Deputy, Head Teacher, or SRC Co-Ordinator above!)

*"To anyone out there, especially young people who feel like they do not fit in and will never be accepted, please know this: GREAT THINGS CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO BE YOURSELF".*

- Michael Sam, 2014 ESPY Awards after receiving the Arthur Ashe Courage Award.

Michael Sam was the first gay man drafted into the NFL, and it is his words, and the words of many others that inspire us to ask: how can our school help students to have the courage to be themselves? How can we, our school community, work together to help our youth achieve great things?

I want our School to celebrate Wear It Purple on the last Friday of August (25/8/23).

Wear It Purple is designed to acknowledge, celebrate and create safe spaces for our Rainbow Youth. Wear It Purple Day is a day to give visibility and support to our Rainbow Youth on Friday 25th of August.

Wear It Purple also goes well beyond one day. 365 days of the year our people volunteer to deliver amazing support, projects, resources and guidance to many schools, parents, rainbow youth and organisations across the country.

Recent research has indicated that Gen Z may be our most non-exclusively heterosexual yet. With Stonewall's Rainbow Britain study stating that only 53% of Gen Z are exclusively heterosexual, while 40% show a pattern of attraction that may be interpreted as queer.

**[Link: https://www.stonewall.org.uk/resources/rainbow-britain-report-2022](https://www.stonewall.org.uk/resources/rainbow-britain-report-2022)**

In an Australian context, Jacqueline Ullman and Western Sydney University's 2021 study "Free2Be...Yet?" highlights some of the experiences of Rainbow Youth, as well as how wellbeing and school climate can impact academic outcomes. Free2be...Yet makes clear: inclusive school policies and curriculum support our youth.

**[Link: https://apo.org.au/node/311780](https://apo.org.au/node/311780)**

Celebrating Wear It Purple day is a great way to show our student body that they are accepted for who they are, to build a community and culture of respect, all while supporting Wellbeing for student success and health.

Signed,

(your name below).



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Wear It Purple acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia, their diversity, histories, knowledge and their continuing connections to land and community. We pay our respects to all Australian Indigenous Peoples and their cultures, and to Elders of past, present and emerging.



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