**We’re pleased to be taking part in the *Be an upstander - #ihaveyourback* student poster competition!**

**The Department of Education and Training is running a poster competition open to students from all Victorian schools.  The competition invites students to get creative and design a poster that promotes upstander behaviour and the theme #ihaveyourback.**

What is upstander behaviour?

While it can be hard to see someone being bullied, it’s even harder to be the person being bullied.

An upstander is a person who speaks or acts in support of an individual or cause, particularly someone who intervenes on behalf of a person being attacked or bullied.

We can all do something help. We can all be upstanders.

You can learn more about upstander behaviour by visiting [**#ihaveyourback**](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/ihaveyourback.aspx).

You will also find a video created by the Department in partnership with Melbourne Football Club and Victorian Aboriginal Education Inc. that sends an important message about upstander behaviour and racist bullying.

The Competition

Not only will the winning student-artists receive a $200 voucher from their choice of JB HI-FI, Rebel Sports, or Eckersley’s Art and Craft but the winning posters will be printed and sent to all Victorian schools.

The winning student’s school will receive a $2,500 voucher from Eckersley’s Art and Craft.

The competition runs from 15 March to 26 May 2019.

**For more information about the competition and how to enter, visit** [**#ihaveyourback**](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/ihaveyourbackposter.aspx) **poster competition page.**

What we’re doing

**(enter your school name)** takes bullying prevention very seriously. We want all of our students to feel safe and included. As well as encouraging students to participate in the competition, we are:

* (write how many students/classes are creating posters)
* (classroom activities that promote upstander behaviour and contribute to building a safe and inclusive school climate)
* (whole school activities promote upstander behaviour and contribute to building a safe and inclusive school climate)
* (how staff and students model/promote upstander behaviour)
* (actions your school community/parents/guardians can do to support the school/students taking part in the poster competition)

**We look forward to sharing our entries with you!**