



What is SSAFE?

Same-sex attracted friendly environments (SSAFE) in schools

SSAFE in Schools was a project of Family Planning Victoria and the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University that ran for two years from 2001. The project aim was to support school communities in challenging homophobia and creating safe learning environments for same-sex attracted and gender non-conforming students.

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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Catholic Education Office
Department of Human Services
Youth Affairs Council of Victoria
Parents Victoria
VicHealth
The Bouverie Centre
Family Planning Victoria
Good Shepherd Youth Services
Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society

The project included development of a website for anyone in the school community looking for resources, strategies and activities to support curriculum development, teacher training, provision of information to parents and the broader community, and support for individual students. Sections of this website have now been incorporated in to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development websites.

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