

MEDIA RELEASE

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Consensus reached: Relationships and Sexuality Education in Schools

Family Planning Alliance Australia (FPAA) is delighted to announce the release of the Alliance's new position statement on Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) in Australian Schools.

The RSE position statement fills the evidence gap in guiding RSE implementation and practice for the education community. Of great importance is that this represents a consensus position on RSE by all member states of the FPAA who support the consistent and equitable implementation of RSE across schools in Australia.

The development of the new position statement was a collaborative effort, drawing on the experience and expertise of leading education specialists in each of the member states. Scientia Professor Peter Aggleton and Dr Ekua Yankah, from the Centre for Social Research in Health at UNSW Australia, also acted as advisers and contributors to the process. Dr Yankah had earlier led the development of *International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education* for UNESCO, while Professor Aggleton is the principal author of the World Health Organization's *Developing Sexual Health Programmes – A framework for action*. This position statement has also been endorsed by the Australian Sexual Health Alliance (ASHA).

FPAA Director Claire Vissenga states that FPAA is committed to equitable access for all students to good quality RSE education that is evidence based, targeted and effective. Further, she states that this RSE position statement paves the way for the implementation of consistent and comprehensive RSE education across Australia.



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