



### The Alannah and Madeline Foundation

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a national charity protecting children from violence and its devastating impact.

The Foundation was set up in memory of Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged 6 and 3, who were tragically killed with their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur, Tasmania on 28 April 1996.

We care for children who have experienced or witnessed serious violence. We also run programs that prevent violence and advocate for children's safety and wellbeing. Our vision is that every child will live in a safe and supportive environment.

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An initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB) is a peak body working to advise and inform the Australian community on the issue of childhood bullying and the creation of safe schools and communities, including the issue of cybersafety.

Chaired by Former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, The Hon. Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC, NCAB plays an important role in speaking out for children and advocating for their right to be free from bullying.

Established in 2002, NCAB's 22 members include some of Australia's leading experts in the field of bullying and cyberbullying – including psychologists, academics, researchers and educators.

Basing its position on the Kandersteg Declaration Against Bullying in Children and Youth 2007, NCAB holds that governments, communities, organisations, schools and individuals must take action to help reduce the incidence of bullying. NCAB works closely with school communities, governments and industry to highlight and address the issue.

Driven by best-practice research and expert knowledge, NCAB aims to:

- provide national leadership in addressing bullying and other negative behaviours and achieve safe and connected environments for young people;
- change attitudes about bullying, and related issues, and increase awareness of the harm it causes to individuals and society;
- Build the capacity, knowledge and skill base of a range of sectors to enable them to address the issues of bullying and wellbeing; and
- drive evidence-based practice in the fields of bullying and wellbeing.

NCAB hosts biennial conferences in Melbourne, bringing together world-leading local and international guest speakers, presenters and delegates. The Centre's 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference is themed *Social Media, Bullying and Vulnerability: Connect, Respect, Protect* and will be held from 14 to 16 June 2012 at the Hilton South Wharf in Melbourne. Visit [ncab.org.au](http://ncab.org.au) or call 1300 720 747 for more information.

Visit [ncab.org.au](http://ncab.org.au) for research, resources and advice on bullying, or to download The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's *Bullying Hurts* brochure.



***“Today, an estimated 200 million children and youth around the world are being abused by their peers. Every child and youth has the right to be respected and safe. Bullying is a violation of this basic human right.”***

***Extract from the ‘Kandersteg Declaration Against Bullying in Children and Youth 2007’.***