



MEDIA RELEASE

SCHS Supports White Ribbon Day

26 November 2015

SCHS and the Men's Behaviour Change Program are hosting an internal BBQ on Friday the 27th November 2015 to raise awareness of violence against women. Staff members will pledge the following Oath "I will Stand Up, Speak out and act to prevent Men's Violence against women".

Violence against women is at epidemic proportions. Devastatingly, over 12 months, on average, one woman is killed every week in Australia as a result of intimate partner violence, Lisa Carter from Men's Behaviour Change Program said. "We need to stand up and speak out together as a community to make it known, Violence against women is unacceptable."

Murder is at the pointy end of a broad spectrum of violence against women. A spectrum that encompasses financial, verbal, emotional, psychological, physical and sexual abuse, as well as workplace harassment. They all form part of a devastating cycle of violence.

Violence against women is never a private issue. We are holding this event to help break the silence around violence, to raise awareness of the issue as well as funds to support work to bring violence against women to an end.

We want people to know that violence against women is unacceptable, it is never the victim's fault, help is always available and if you see something you should definitely say something. People need to know that they can make a difference to bringing an end to men's violence against women.

If you are experiencing violence or suspect someone else is, please contact 1800 RESPECT for advice and support. In an emergency, call the police on 000.

or if you would like more information about the MBCP please contact SCHS 03 5022 5444.

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Photo opportunities available at BBQ Pledge Oath: 1pm, Friday 27 November 2015 at SCHS, 137 Thirteenth Street (Cnr Deakin Ave), Mildura.

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