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MEDIA RELEASE: Consent education curriculum a monumental change for Australian students.

The landmark mandate to include consent education in the Australian curriculum is a historic win for young people across Australia and Chanel Contos' 'Teach Us Consent' campaign.

Full Stop Australia welcomes the decision to include age-appropriate sexual consent education in all Australian schools from kindergarten to Year 10.

Full Stop Australia chief executive officer, Hayley Foster was overcome by yesterday's news that all federal and state education ministers unanimously agreed to incorporate sexual consent within the curriculum. This comes after 12 months of dedicated campaigning by Full Stop Australia Ambassador Chanel Contos and the passionate advocacy of young people throughout Australia.

"This is a generational change that will equip young people with proper knowledge around sexual consent at each level of their education," Ms Foster said.

"We know from our sexual violence helpline that teenagers are not only the highest risk group of experiencing sexual violence, but also perpetrating it."

"Consent education will mean we can stop it before it starts. This is about educating our young people but also changing societal norms and expectations before they have their first intimate encounter."

Ms Foster said the leadership displayed by Ms Contos is awe-inspiring. With her campaign 'Teach Us Consent' gaining 44,000 signatures and 6,600 harrowing testimonies of sexual assault over the last 12 months.

"Ms Contos has been the fire stick that has skillfully harnessed public sentiment to achieve this significant reform that many advocates have long been striving for."

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