

VALUES MONTH AUGUST 2007

Calling on Primary and Secondary students across South Australia to celebrate and participate in Values Month.

What is Values Month?

Values Month is an opportunity for students to celebrate and promote values education. In August 2007, student leaders are invited to generate an activity, event or experience involving students and teachers that celebrates and promotes values.

A group of students from Government, Catholic and Independent Schools ranging in ages from 11 to 16 came up with the proposal for Values Month. They have been working together as Student Ambassadors for Values Education and want to get other student leaders involved in promoting values in schools. So they came up with the idea of dedicating a month in which students themselves could decide how they want to talk about, learn about and get involved in values education.

How can students get involved?

The Department for Education, Science and Training has allocated some money to support students to participate in Values Month.

To find out what funding a school can get, please phone or email Mary Hudson on 08 8338 0422 or email the.hudsons@ozemail.com.au. Schools may want to work together to organize an activity or event and they may be available for additional funding.

To apply for funding, student leaders are asked to fill in the application on this website. When Values Month is all done, student leaders will need to complete a report about their activity or event.

So, if you are interested in Values Month, what should you do next?

- 1) Hold a discussion among students in your school about the best way to celebrate and promote values during August. This could include the suggestions for activities included below.
- 2) Decide what you are going to do to participate in Values Month
- 3) Submit your idea to your School Principal for approval and seek teacher support and involvement
- 4) Fill out the application form found on the <http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/valueseducation/> website to get access to the

- funding
- 5) Get organizing!

Want to get involved?

The sorts of activities/events students could consider holding during Values Month include:

- A live concert/battle of the bands with songs containing lyrics about values,
- Host a seminar/forum on values (don't forget you can do this with a cluster of schools in your area)
- Hold challenge days with team activities including teachers and students emphasizing positive values
- Classroom discussions about what values mean to students bringing in a guest speaker on values in life
- Create a "Values Museum" - have students bring an item that represents what they value and display them in the school

The activity or event doesn't have to go for the whole month! But it should be held sometime in August. The idea is that Values Month will include as many students and as many schools as possible.

What's in it for Students?

- Students themselves get to decide on what activity or event they think students would get the most out of and apply for the money to run the event or activity
- Learn about values, in a fun and student friendly way
- Strengthen teacher/student relationships
- A chance to get actively involved in the school community