# How can you commemorate International Human Rights Day at your school?

**Resource sheet**

Human Rights Day, 10 December, marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

To help your school celebrate International Human Rights Day, here are some suggestions that you could consider taking to the person or group responsible for planning the occasion – or you could volunteer to be part of the group and help:

- **Publicise the UDHR** in the school and the community.

- **Have a human rights award** for people who have contributed to human rights in your school or community.

- **Create or take over part of a notice board** for human rights activities, news and issues.

- **Develop a multicultural charter** setting out some key principles that apply in your school and community.

- **Develop a human rights pledge** which all students and staff can be asked to recite on the day.

- **Invite human rights speakers** to your school.

- Prepare a 'what to see' list for forthcoming **film or television programs** which have a human rights interest.

- Support a **human rights project**.

- Create a list of **human rights web sites** (start with the Commission website at www.humanrights.gov.au), and use these to develop a trivia quiz on human rights for your school.

- **Contact a group** such as Amnesty International and consider setting up a school chapter of such a group.

Start thinking and planning now. Make 10 December a ceremony that really creates awareness of human rights issues, which inspires people to appreciate what they have, and to strive to make sure that all people enjoy human rights equally.