

# Teacher Aid Fact Sheet



A guaranteed hit with your students, Footy Colours Day is a great way to bring your school community together. Beyond the colour, fun and excitement, Footy Colours Day supports a very important cause and this document is aimed at helping you communicate what Footy Colours Day is all about to your students.

## What is Footy Colours Day?

Fight Cancer Foundation and Footy Colours Day help young learners continue with their education while they receive treatment for cancer. Every year, Fight Cancer Foundation calls on all Australians to unite in the fight against cancer by wearing their teams colours with pride on one day in September. Show your true colours- whether it's AFL, NRL, Union, A-League or any other sport - for kids with cancer.

## What does the money raised by Footy Colours Day support?

Every dollar raised by Footy Colours Day helps Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs to provide dedicated teachers who each support up to 26 learners aged between 3 and 18 years through their fight against cancer.

## How does this make a difference?

Each year more than 800 Australian children and young people are diagnosed with cancer, while another 5,600 will continue with their treatment. On average, these kids will miss out on more than six months of school which makes it difficult to keep up with their peers.

Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs help these kids to:

- continue with their education
  - stay in touch with their school and peers
  - stay at the same educational level
- transition back to their regular school once their treatment is complete.



## How else can your students support kids with cancer to continue their education?

Equip your students with the knowledge of the difference Footy Colours Day makes to kids with cancer and encourage them to spread the word.

Involve parents, relatives & friends outside of school to get behind Footy Colours Day and hold their own events.

**Fight Cancer Foundation** is a national charity dedicated to providing care, treatment and support for cancer patients and their families and funding vital research into cancer treatment and cures.

For more information, go to [fightcancer.org.au](http://fightcancer.org.au).

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