QUEENSLAND FLOOD RELIEF – NSW SCHOOLS GO ‘MAROON FOR A DAY’

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, said public schools across NSW would take part in a mufti-day today to raise money for Queensland flood relief.

Many schools will go ‘Maroon for a Day’, encouraging their students and staff to dress in the Queensland colour and bring a gold coin donation.

Money raised will go to Queensland public schools affected by the floods.

“The day will allow school communities across NSW to express their support for schools, students and teachers north of the border,” Ms Firth said.

“As always Australians have felt an overwhelming need to reach out.

“That’s why we’ve declared today ‘Maroon for a Day’ in our public schools.

“This is just another way we can help do our bit.

“Of all the ideas that came to us, suggestions by Lisa Paton, a teacher’s aide from Neville Public School and Jihad Dib, the principal of Punchbowl Boys High School, have shaped this fundraising initiative.

“Donations will be collected then sent to the Queensland Department of Education specifically to help the flood affected public schools,” Ms Firth said.

The initiative is going ahead in conjunction with a national Flood Relief Appeal Day coordinated by SchoolAid.

For information about how schools can deposit their donations, visit: www.schools.nsw.edu.au

Schools can also donate to help the Victorian flood appeal.