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Bluey used to 'indoctrinate' NSW kids in unauthorised pro-Palestine lesson plans

Beloved children's character Bluey has been hijacked by activist teachers to spread pro-Palestinian propaganda in primary schools, sparking safety fears among Jewish educators.



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Some members of Teachers for Palestine have been sharing unauthorised lessons using the likes of Bluey to encourage a 'global intifada'. Picture: Supplied

Popular children's cartoon characters, including Bluey, are being used in unauthorised pro-Palestinian lesson plans circulated by activist NSW teachers, with educators also distributing classroom guides featuring a member of a proscribed terrorist organisation.

The Sunday Telegraph has obtained a 24-page teaching guide aimed at primary school children that praises Leila Khaled's wearing of the keffiyeh – despite her links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Khaled is a Palestinian activist who hijacked two planes and labelled Hamas operatives responsible for the October 7, 2023 attacks as “freedom fighters”.

The lesson plan, which is being shared by the Teachers for Palestine NSW and Victoria activist groups, also features the popular cartoon character Bluey alongside the text: “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.”

Other well-known cartoon characters, including Miffy and the Powerpuff Girls, are also depicted in the teaching guides holding protest banners reading: “Resist to exist” and “Resistance justified”.

A keffiyeh is not just a scarf, or a headdress. It is a special symbol of togetherness and support. People wear keffiyehs to show that they stand united with Palestinians who want freedom and peace, like a big team! Wearing a keffiyeh is like saying “We’re in this together!”



Primary school materials on keffiyehs featuring Bluey and other popular cartoon characters being distributed by the activist teachers. Picture: Supplied

Five Jewish teachers, who work within Sydney-based government schools, said the actions of Teachers for Palestine NSW and similar groups in other states had “fuelled” anti-Semitism in schools and sparked “ongoing safety concerns”.

The educators – most of whom have worked in the profession for decades – said the activist teachers had been sharing the guides with other teachers on WhatsApp and showing them in small group activities with students.

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“It’s important for people to know that this hatred towards Jews has been ongoing since October 7,” one eastern suburbs teacher said.

“To use iconic cartoon characters such as Bluey and Miffy to teach about ‘resistance’ is sickening and shows the lengths that these activists are willing to go to indoctrinate young children.”

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Lesson materials featuring The Powerpuff Girls. Picture: Supplied

Another teacher from a northern beaches school said she had demanded the NSW Department of Education take “proper action” against the Teachers for Palestine NSW group, saying she not only feared for her safety but was also concerned about terrorists being celebrated in the classroom.

“The Department and Education Minister needs to act on these individuals,” she said.

“Less than a week after the Bondi terror attacks (they) posted on Instagram to ‘globalise the intifada’, it’s an incitement of violence – right after the massacre of 15 innocent people.”



Leila Khaled is a brave Palestinian woman who became famous for her courage and determination to fight for her people's rights in the 1970s. Although it was traditionally worn by men, Leila encouraged Palestinian women to wear the keffiyeh. This led to the keffiyeh becoming a symbol of togetherness and strength for all people who supported Palestine, no matter their age, background or gender.

Leila still wears a keffiyeh and is still talking to people around the world about the Palestinian people's struggle.

Palestinian political activist Leila Khaled is a former militant who is featured in the lesson materials. Picture: Supplied

The revelations come after The Sunday Telegraph revealed last month that Jewish families had reported dozens of anti-Semitic incidents in NSW schools and tertiary institutions, including children being told to “burn in a gas chamber”.

Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-chief executive Alex Ryvchin said: “When you have teachers attending pro-Palestinian marches which feature support for terrorism and violence slogans, how are Jewish students and teachers supposed to feel and look those colleagues in the eye when they return to work?”

“We should feel safe sending our children to school. Teachers should feel safe going there and engaging the students and their colleagues.

“There should be a very clear demarcation between one's private political views and what they put into the classroom, into the schoolyard.”

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Stickers featuring Miffy and Friends. Picture: Supplied

National Council of Jewish Women Australia (NCJWA) president Lynda Ben-Menashe said: “We have to protect our children and all children.

“The corruption of young minds is the death knell of any society. We have seen the similar indoctrination of children in Palestine result in child soldiers, child suicide bombers, and the deaths of thousands of children in a war started by the murderous actions of their Hamas heroes.

“There is no place in Australian schools for so-called teachers who glorify terrorists and the murder of Jewish people, and no place in any Australia department of education for administrators who allow them to continue doing so.”



Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-chief executive Alex Ryvchin says Jewish students and educators have the right to feel safe. Picture: Thomas Lisson

NSW Education Minister Prue Car said every student and staff member had the right to feel safe at school and any behaviour targeting people because of who they were “would not be tolerated”.

“Anti-Semitism and hate have no place in our schools or anywhere else in our community,” Ms Car said.

“Since the anti-Semitic terrorist attack at Bondi, our government has moved quickly to do everything we can to stamp out divisive and hateful language.

“We will not hesitate to act against anti-Semitism and hate to ensure students and staff feel safe in our schools.”

A spokesman for the NSW Department of Education said the materials were not endorsed by the department and must not be used in classes.

“Our schools continually strive to be safe, inclusive places for every student and staff member,” he said.

“We reject all forms of racism and religious discrimination in our schools.

“We are collaborating with the Commonwealth’s Special Envoy to Combat Anti-Semitism on a UNESCO training program for teachers and school leaders to prevent and counter anti-Semitism.”

In response to questions from The Sunday Telegraph about keffiyeh-themed lesson plans being taught in classrooms and shared among teachers, Teachers for Palestine Victoria, responding on behalf of the NSW group, said it was “proud to teach about and wear the keffiyeh, and to show what it means to resist racism and genocide”.

The Teachers for Palestine group also claimed Israel was the “world’s most destructive terrorist organisation”, and that Palestinian people, including Leila Khaled, “have a right, enshrined in international law, to resist occupation”.

“We teach for Palestine as a guarantee to all communities that have been subject to discrimination and genocide, including the Jewish community, that our commitment to justice is not conditional on political expedience,” they said.

“Teachers around the country and the globe are standing up to Israeli genocide, in some countries our colleagues have gone on strike to oppose it.

“Yes, we proudly commit to this global intifada; it is an inherently anti-racist movement.”