

Statement for Collaboration

The Department for Education and Child Development and Ethnic Schools

The Department for Education and Child Development believes that the Ethnic Schools sector provides significant language learning and cultural experiences for many South Australian children and students within unique and authentic contexts.

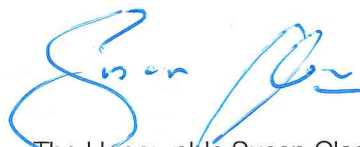
The Department for Education and Child Development:

- Affirms its commitment to languages and multicultural education through the teaching and learning of languages and cultures.
- Values the social and educational contribution that Ethnic Schools make to the South Australian community.
- Recognises that Ethnic Schools are important co-providers for the teaching and learning of languages and cultures in South Australia.
- Acknowledges the capacity of the Ethnic Schools sector to deliver languages programs.
- Provides, in partnership with Ethnic Schools, language programs that strengthen cultural identity and literacy development.
- Encourages children, students, parents and teachers to celebrate, value and actively engage with all languages and cultures.
- Incorporates diverse cultural perspectives throughout the curriculum and utilises inclusive assessment and reporting practices.
- Respects and acknowledges the cultural and linguistic skills of people from diverse backgrounds in providing quality languages and cultural programs.
- Values children's linguistic rights and implements strategies that counter stereotyping and discrimination.
- Recognises the long history of ethnic schools in South Australia, and affirms the importance of maintaining close collaboration between the Department for Education and Child Development and the Ethnic Schools Association of South Australia in the provision of programs for diverse languages and cultures. This collaboration includes maintaining open communication channels, and sharing specialist knowledge and expertise where possible.



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