

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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I am making this submission in support of school based ethics classes. I understand that the proposed investigation applies to ethics classes only, why not evaluate scripture classes at the same time to provide a full picture of their place in primary education. Why have scripture classes not been evaluated when subject material in schools is constantly being evaluated?

I have applied for a position as a volunteer ethics teacher in my sons' primary school as I value the teaching of ethics to children. I am interested in helping children think about ethics, as I believe this can have a positive effect on the child's sense of self and wellbeing. I believe that ethics classes should be available to all students, not just students who opt out of scripture.

I look forward to the results of last years' Census. It will be interesting to note the number of Australians who identify as having no religion, as the number has steadily risen over the years. Children should not experience discrimination because of their religious beliefs, or lack of there of, and to deny them teaching in place of scripture is unjust and acceptable to me.

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