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Dear Committee Inquiring into Ethics Classes

We are very much. Ethics Class (Year 5/6). We are enjoying ethics very much.

This year during ethics we have learnt many things such as:

- To think outside the box
- To understand other peoples position and how it would feel to be them
- To listen to other peoples comments and ideas
- Not to take things for granted and appreciate what we have
- To think about the good and the bad side of things.

We have learnt these things through weekly class discussion of the following topics:

- what is important in life
- moral rules
- graffiti
- killing whales and other animals (for human benefit)
- identifying if an event or situation is fair or unfair; acceptable or unacceptable
- homelessness
- children's rights
- the Australian boy in a Bali jail (leading to exploration of cultural and local practices)
- bushfires
- ways to fix problems.

Overall ethics classes has helped us to see different points of view and showed us how you can change your mind on a topic.

Ethics classes are a big change to what we did before when we attended non-scripture. In this time we would colour in, do puzzles, talk, complete worksheets that we didn't understand, crosswords, comprehension, play on the computers and some of us can't even remember what we did.

We support the continuation of ethics classes.

Yours sincerely