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Hi Beverly,

I have been pleased to see the appearance of ethics classes - it has always seemed absurd that if a student does not take one of the religious classes available at a school, they basically sit about and draw trees.

Whilst I am in favour of children letting their minds run free, this seems a bit useless.

Ethics classes are a huge step forward.

It could be argued - as in the USA - that religion should be entirely excluded from school, and indeed I would agree, but ethics classes seems a pretty decent middle road.

I am appalled by the repressive and frankly spoilt brattish response of the church groups. Isn't tax exemption enough for them? (yes, I'd love to see an end to this madness - tax exemption? For a random set of beliefs carried though the ages, demonstrably nonsense? Why is that again?) They want special access to our children as well?

So let's do it. Let's give ethics classes.

regards

Simon Pearce

(I have one 9 year old girl in primary school, and a 17 year old girl in high school, HSC looming. I would be happy to see both of them study some ethics classes)