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Re Ethics classes – an ethical issue

It is vital that all children in NSW continue to be able to access ethics classes. In the light of their current exposure to a broad range of ethical social issues, I would have thought that ethics classes should be a priority for ALL children.

However, for those whose families choose not to access SRE classes, it is even more important that their children can access skills in and knowledge about ethical decision making.

It is also, I believe, quite unethical to leave some children doing nothing in the SRE time slot.

I note that Anglican and Catholic Churches withdrew their opposition to the holding of ethics classes. I am quite shocked that this very successful program is again under threat.

Please consider the children in NSW and help them to grow into good citizens who can make ethical decisions as adults.

Yours faithfully,

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