

Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS  
CLASSES REPEAL) BILL 2011**

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Submission from Tanya Burrows Ethics Teacher regarding Ethics Classes in NSW

I would like to support the continuation of Ethics classes in NSW.

I have been an Ethics teacher at \_\_\_\_\_ School since the start of the classes in 2011. \_\_\_\_\_ School has been involved in Ethics classes since the start in 2010. The school was part of the pilot programme and was the first school to start the classes in February 2011.

The whole school community is fully supportive of Ethics classes continuing, indeed they would be most upset if the classes were abandoned.

The Year 5 and 6 students who attend the classes have thoroughly enjoyed the classes and have learnt many skills which help them in their daily life – how to listen to others, respect others opinions, think critically and to think about issues that affect their lives.

The Primary Ethics programme is an outstanding programme and it has been put together by experts and undergoes the most stringent testing to ensure the content is suitable for its audience. The teachers are highly skilled and dedicated and do an excellent job.

I think there would be a huge hole if Ethics classes were no longer taught and our parents and students would certainly protest to stop this from happening. We must all ensure that discrimination in the public education system against the students who opt out of scripture classes does not continue.

Thank you for accepting my submission and I look forward to a favourable resolution.

Yours sincerely

Tanya Burrows

Ethics Teacher