

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION AMENDMENT (ETHICS
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I support the continued provision of special education in ethics as an alternative to special religious education (SRE). I have been involved with the teaching of ethics since it was piloted by St James Ethics Centre in 2010. I am satisfied that the course offered by Primary Ethics provides students with the opportunity to consider and discuss ethical and philosophical issues, and, in particular, what is the right thing to do in various situations. The course is an appropriate option for parents who do not want their children to be proselytised but who do want their children to spend the time set aside for SRE in a productive manner considering ethical issues.

While ever SRE is permitted in our public schools I believe an ethics course should be offered as an alternative.