

**Submission  
No 169**

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

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# NORMANHURST PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

TODAY'S CHILDREN ARE TOMORROW'S CITIZENS



20 February 2012

The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee No.2  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

## To Whom It May Concern

### **Submission to the Inquiry into the *Education Amendment (Ethics) Act 2010***

In a motion passed on 13 September 2010 the Normanthurst Public School Parents and Citizens Association confirmed their support for the provision of a secular ethics class as an alternative to special religious education/scripture classes in NSW Primary Schools.

Following the successful commencement of ethics classes in Term 1 2011 our school has received a tremendous amount of interest from parents and students and it had been hoped to establish our first classes during the 2012 school year. It is disappointing that the continuation of such classes has been clouded by the announcement on November 11 2011 of a NSW Legislative Council inquiry into said classes.

As a result, at a meeting on 13 February 2012 our Association resolved to confirm our continued support of secular ethics classes in NSW Primary Schools as a viable and rewarding alternative to SRE/scripture classes. We believe it is essential to provide all students with the opportunity to develop a sound ethical framework on which to build and grow.

Yours Sincerely,

Scott Veale  
President  
Normanthurst Public School Parents & Citizens Association