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I have heard from Fred Nile that a criticism of the ethics class is that it does not demonstrate any parameters of what is right or wrong and that we as Christians should all ensure that ethics classes promote the morals of the Bible.

Within itself the Bible creates a large variety of opinions as to exactly what right and wrong may be. These views range from a traditional Jewish perspective right through to a fundamentalist Christian view. Whilst this range of Christian viewpoints within themselves are extremely varied they may not reflect the views of other religions or faith traditions and what is considered right or wrong within them.

Likewise those who choose to have no faith tradition they follow may have a differing opinion of what is right to those of people of faith. This teaches us that there is not one group who speaks ethically for the entire nation or indeed the local community.

The current ethics classes need to provide students with a framework for them to decide their right and their wrong and juxtapose these decisions with the common and egalitarian legal framework of Australia and not merely be a rehash of one groups decision on morality.