

**INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES
SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

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As an Australian father who has an Australian-Japanese child, I think that the eligibility criteria imposed on the four languages including Japanese is not fair and needs to be changed. Every child is different and criteria should be based solely on the child's ability.

I heard that Victoria doesn't have this criteria. Why does NSW have it?

Having a parent who can speak the language doesn't guarantee that the child has a high proficiency of the language, like my family. We speak English at home.

In the current system, if my child wants to take Japanese for Year 10, she has to take In-Context class only because one of her parent's is Japanese (regardless of whether the parent actually speaks the language at home).

If you look at the latest census, the majority of Japanese immigrants have non-Japanese (mostly Australian) partners.

Please review the eligibility criteria and change it so that having a background in any of the four Asian languages isn't a disadvantage to studying those language at any proficiency level.