



**Ethnic Schools Association of
Victoria Inc**
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NEWSLETTER

Ethnic Schools-Where language and culture come together!
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GREAT SUPPORT – MANY THANKS

Well, it has been an exciting time for community languages schools in Victoria.

Many thanks to the many members who attended our Public Meeting on May 31, 2005 at Richmond Town Hall.

It was great to see so many language groups represented. The outcome was that many of the issues raised were conveyed to the Minister for Education and Training.

Last week the ESAV and Community Languages Australia had the opportunity to present to a group of State Government MP's.

We now await a meeting date with the Minister.

We have also seen the completion of work of the Implementation Group of the Review of Ethnic Schools.

The findings will be relayed following the Minister's acceptance of the recommendations.

Quality, accountability, transparency, community links and proper legal status are key elements. The same things that have underpinned community languages schools for over 150 years. The spirit of community links, of working together to maintain language and culture are the key elements.

3RD NATIONAL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

This weekend the 3rd National Community Languages Conference will be held in South Australia. Again the focus is quality, sharing experiences and working together. A number of Victorian schools are sending representatives.

**The University of Adelaide
Union House, Level 4 – South
Victoria Drive, Adelaide
Saturday June 25, 2005
Quality Programs in
Community Languages Education**

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) is again providing financial support for credit bearing training programs, professional development programs and Administrative Support. The Victorian Multicultural Commission has also provided support for a series of *Rising Children Bilingually Seminars* and our State Conference.

The Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training also continues to support many initiatives associated with our schools.

Many thanks for the confidence and support shown by the DET, VMC and DEST.

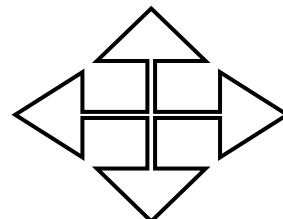
TRAINING PROGRAMS

Please find attached the brochure advertising many of our Training Programs. You should enrol teachers and ensure that those that have been accepted attend the programs.

For further information contact Fahry Abubaker (03) 9349-2400 or abubaker.fahry.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

LANGUAGE NETWORKS

Our networks have really taken off over the past months - Intense work by the Vietnamese Network has seen a coordinating body elected. Chinese and Arabic networks have also shown a keen interest. Turkish will also be developed. These networks are great opportunities for schools to work together. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further ideas for developing networks.

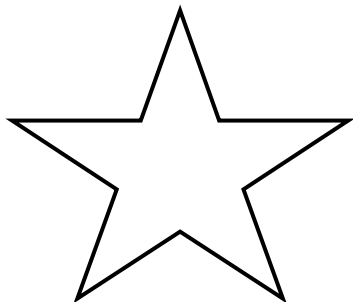


VICTORIAN STATE COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Date for Your Diary 

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2005 -
MANNINGHAM CONVENTION CENTRE
- Doncaster

PLAN NOW!!!!



AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF MODERN LANGUAGES TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS (AFLMTA)

15th Biennial AFMLTA National Conference
Seizing the Future
6-9 JULY 2005 PROMENADE HOTEL
MELBOURNE

Please refer to the AFMLTA website for further
information. <http://www.conf05.mltav.asn.au>.

This is great opportunity for you to hear some
outstanding presenters, participate in exciting
workshops - Send a delegation.

Saturday's July 9 program is very much geared
towards the community languages classroom.

SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY~!


WEBSITE

We now have a website -
www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au - It has a
great deal of information. If you wish to link your
school's website please contact
Fahry Abubaker (03) 9349-2400.

THE NATIONAL STATEMENT FOR LANGUAGES EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS NATIONAL PLAN FOR LANGUAGES EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS 2005-2008

This document has now been released. It is document
which all Minister's for Education in Australia
have signed and will drive languages education
for the next 4 years. The exciting part is that
community languages schools are now very much
part of the delivery of languages education and
have been written into the Statement and Plan.
Please contact Fahry if you wish to obtain copy!

TEACHER TRAINING COURSES BOOK NOW!!!



LMERC
A GREAT
RESOURCE
USE IT !!!!

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK? !!!

COMING YOUR WAY SOON!!