

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT AND COLLABORATION

THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOLS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This Statement represents a joint commitment between the Government of South Australia and Community Language Schools of SA (CLSSA) to maintaining and developing the linguistic and cultural rights of children and young people in South Australia, as declared in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).

The Community Language Schools (CLS) program is a longstanding and valuable part of languages education in South Australia and plays an important role in the maintenance and development of languages in the community. The Government of South Australia and CLSSA mutually respect each other's history of commitment to this program.

The state government makes available annual funding to support CLSSA and the CLS program to provide languages and cultural learning to South Australian pre-school and school-aged students outside of school hours.

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The Government of South Australia and Community Language Schools of South Australia mutually:

- Value the learning of community languages both educationally and socially to enhance and develop young people's bilingual/multilingual literacies, intercultural capabilities and identities.
- Recognise that languages and cultures shape how people from all backgrounds learn about and interact in the world and come to understand themselves and each other.
- Recognise the diverse nature of learners in the CLS program and their differing language learning, educational, social and cultural needs.
- Acknowledge the dynamic and diverse nature of the CLS program and recognise the different levels of support required in the management, curriculum and resource development of the CLS program, and the professional development of its teachers, instructors and leaders.
- Work collaboratively with openness and respect, to share knowledge, expertise, and resources, enable access to mainstream classrooms and ICT infrastructure, and to administer funding for the program in accordance with government policies and procedures.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The Government of South Australia and Community Language Schools of South Australia mutually agree to work collaboratively to:

- Increase program provision and participation – including at SACE level.
- Enhance the quality of the CLS program by supporting curriculum and program development that strengthens effective student participation and learning.
- Build teacher and leader capabilities through access to professional learning programs and initiatives and the sharing of expertise.
- Strengthen the value and recognition of the CLS program within mainstream schools, language-specific communities and the wider community.
- Strengthen management and administrative procedures to support the program.



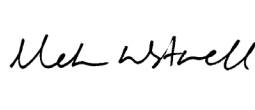
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