

HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS

EDUCATION

Hear Our Voice supports a well resourced and appropriately funded education system that will enhance the knowledge, and skills base of its citizens. High-quality education can assist in making Australia a truly prosperous country.

Hear Our Voice believes in a primary and secondary education system that not only teaches students to read, write and do arithmetic, but we also believe students should be encouraged to be the best they can be.

Hear Our Voice believes that an education system that nurtures the emotional intelligence of students (emotional intelligence is about developing the whole human being rather than the focus solely being on academic intelligence), would not only benefit students but society as well.

Hear Our Voice also supports values education which is about creating a learning environment that helps students become enlightened and caring members of society.

Hear Our Voice believes in an education system that promotes the sciences, and through quality education practices will entice students to undertake study in the science fields.

Hear Our Voice is concerned about the skills shortage in Australia and we support initiatives that effectively promote apprenticeship opportunities and TAFE courses to secondary school students.

Hear Our Voice supports schools based apprentice programs, which give credit to students undertaking trade training in secondary schools.

Hear Our Voice supports vocational assessment in secondary schools and programs that help direct students to a career that is suitable to them and their capabilities.

Hear Our Voice supports the use of secondary schools in regional and rural Australia for TAFE courses. By offering these courses at local schools, young people in particular could stay in their local areas while gaining trade skills.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives which will attract and retain male teachers to Australia's education system.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives that enable students to graduate and take up employment in a wide range of occupational positions.

Hear Our Voice supports an education system that includes life skill training.

Hear Our Voice believes that government schools should receive appropriate funding so they are able to provide quality education to students. Funding to private schools should be based on an equity basis so that no student is disadvantaged.

Hear Our Voice believes that both public and private funded schools should have the same standards, quality of teachers and resources so that all students receive the same level of education and opportunities.

Hear Our Voice believes that appropriate funding should be provided to universities and other tertiary institutions to ensure they are able to provide a quality education service. We believe that the knowledge and skills students obtain through their studies should be practical and useful in the workforce and society.

For a variety of reasons a large proportion of students who commence university study drop out, therefore Hear Our Voice support strategies that help students to finalize their studies.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives, including bursary schemes, which encourage students to consider careers where there is a shortage, such as doctors, nurses and teachers.

Hear Our Voice does not support an expensive student fee based TAFE and tertiary education system. Hear Our Voice believes that quality and affordable education is the key to developing Australia, improving our standard of living and creating a prosperous country for the long term.

Hear Our Voice supports initiatives which will attract students to TAFE and tertiary education and we believe it must be affordable and accessible.

Hear Our Voice supports school based programs which educate children about the harm of drug and alcohol addiction. We support counseling programs for children living in environments where they are subjected to the harmful effects of drug use, violence and sexual abuse.

Hear Our Voice is totally against bullying at school, and we support an education system that is based on principles that encourage the pursuit of knowledge, standards of excellence, equality, tolerance of differing views and respect for others.