



Where language and culture come together

GROWING OUR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS' FEEDBACK AND ADVICE SHEET 2008



The Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria (ESAV) and Community Languages Australia (CLA) represent the interests of their members i.e. the schools and authorities that operate under the community languages schools program.

The Association is always looking at ways of improving its activities and making it relevant to its members and their needs!

Here are a series of questions we would like you to discuss and then answer. The responses may lead to a more effective Association that is able to respond to the needs of its members.

But before we do that, a little bit of information about you!

Please place a **X** in the box and add comments where relevant

1. What language do you teach? _____
2. How old are you?
 18 – 21 22 – 29 30 – 39 40 – 49
 50 – 59 60 – 69 70 +
3. Male Female
4. Are you a:
 Teacher Administrator Parent Committee Member
5. If you are a teacher/instructor, what level (grade-class) do you teach? _____
6. How long have you been working in this community language school? _____
7. What area do you teach in?
 Western Southern Eastern Northern Regional Victoria
8. Qualifications
 Are you an:
 - a) Australian qualified teacher Primary Secondary
 - b) Overseas qualified teacher Primary Secondary
 - c) Australian tertiary qualification other than teaching If so, what? _____
 - d) Overseas qualification other than teaching If so, what? _____
 - e) Have you attended the Teacher Training Courses conducted by ESAV-CLA and funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development DEECD?
 Yes No

Thank you! Now let's go on!

1. Does your school authority provide you with information sent out by ESAV and CLA on Training Programs, Professions Development Sessions, Conferences , First Aid Courses, Working with Children Check and other activities that ESAV and CLA conduct?

Yes No

If yes, how do you receive the information?

Copy of newsletter or flier Email Staff meeting Other

If other, how? _____

2. How would you like to receive information from ESAV and CLA?

Through school authority directly by email other

If other, how? _____

3. Have you ever visited the community languages schools websites?

www.communitylanguagesaustralia.org.au or www.esav.org.au

Yes No

If yes, how often do you visit them?

Regularly Sometimes Not often

Do you think the sites are useful?

Yes No

4. If yes, what do you find useful?

What could be improved?

5. What services – advocacy or other would you like to receive from the ESAV?
What do you want ESAV and CLA to do?

Place in order of priority (1 - 7)

- a) Lobby for additional funding
- b) Ensure community languages schools are part of the languages education policy
- c) Deliver Professional Development Programs
- d) Be the stimulus for networking and cooperation between schools
- e) Advocate on your behalf for lower rental charges and better conditions in host schools and for additional per capita and other funding
- f) Advocate for the interest of community languages schools
- g) Other Explain

5. Have you heard of the Quality Assurance Framework that has been developed for Community languages schools?

Yes No

If so, would you like to participate in its implementation at your school level?

Yes No

6. What topics would you like to see presented as part of the Professional Development Program in 2008-2009?

7. What do you think the priorities are for community languages schools **today**?

8. Where do you see community languages schools being in 3-5 years time?

9. How can we improve our work as community languages schools? What do we need to do?

10. What assistance would you - your schools require in making this happen?
How can ESAV-CLA help you?

11. How can we encourage students to continue learning a language?

12. How can we work closer with our host schools?

13. Schools currently provide a \$2 per student contribution/levy which covers public liability insurance, subsidises cost for conferences, assists in delivering professional development, helps pay for administration, newsletters, lobbying etc
All these costs are rising. The last time this contribution/levy was raised was in 2003-2004.
Would you support an increase in this contribution or do you want schools to find their own insurance policies, provide their own PD sessions etc.

Support an increase: **Yes** **No**

If yes, by how much? (Per capita)

\$1.00 \$2.00 Other amount (how much) _____

14. Other comments and suggestions:

Thank you