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### **GERMAN SATURDAY SCHOOL MEETS TO DISCUSS ONGOING QUALITY OUTCOMES**

Parents and Staff met from the German Saturday School at Clifton met with Community Languages Australia's Executive Director Stefan Romaniw on Saturday morning August 5, 2006 to discuss issues of accreditation, teachers training, funding and other issues.

This is a great example of a school that has a Parent's Association and Staff working together to ensure that issues relating to accountability in terms of quality teaching and administration are dealt with efficiently.

The meeting addressed issues of:

- Curriculum Development
- Teacher/Instructor training
- Insurance
- Accreditation
- Support for teachers attending Goethe Institute Training and PD

The school housed at Clifton Hill PS has 170 students.

Second and third generation speakers are keen to foster German language and culture. Established communities such as the German community need to work hard to encourage parents to send their children to community languages schools. As many established communities this is now a major issue.

"It is uplifting to see such strong commitment from staff, parents and the Parent Association. They are concerned with issues to ensure best education results for their children. They examine issues of accountability, quality assurance – taking them seriously, discussing debating and seeking advice," Mr. Romaniw said

"This is another dimension of community languages schools which is often not visible or at times acknowledged. Each school has its Parent's Committee and together they also build community – All part of the function of conducting a community languages school," Mr. Romaniw said

**Photo Parents and staff**

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