



AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF MODERN **LANGUAGE TEACHERS** ASSOCIATIONS

AFMLTA News in Brief, June 2018

AFMLTA Survey

Have your input into the AFMLTA's Strategic Planning by completing the quick [online survey here](#)



AFMLTA featured on ABC TV News Breakfast Program: 15 June 2018



AFMLTA executive member, Kylie Farmer was interviewed on ABC TV News breakfast about the [Early Learning Languages Australia \(ELLA\)](#) program including the [federal government announcement](#) of an additional \$11.8 million to support:

- doubling the number of preschools participating to 5000
- extending the program into 300 primary schools
- developing new apps in German, Korean, Turkish and Vietnamese in addition to the apps currently available in 9 languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Spanish)

[Click here to watch a recording of the interview.](#)

About AFMLTA

The Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations (AFMLTA Inc.) is the national professional body representing teachers of all languages in Australia.

We provide vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of languages.

Our strategic plan identifies actions we undertake to achieve our [goals](#) and support members including:

- Promote the use of the [AFMLTA Professional Standards](#) for guiding professional practice for Languages teachers
- Publish [Babel](#) as the academic journal of Languages Educators in Australia
- Position the AFMLTA as the national voice for Languages educators
- Recognise and encourage outstanding contributions to the field of language education

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[AFMLTA's response to Gonski's 'missed opportunity' on Languages](#)

The AFMLTA executive has written to the Federal Minister of Education, Senator Simon Birmingham in support of the recommendation by world-renowned Finnish education expert Pasi Sahlberg who was reported in a recent Sydney Morning Herald article as saying "If I could add one recommendation [to the Gonski report on excellence in schools] , my [24th] recommendation would be, 'make learning a foreign language a right for every child in Australia'". June 2018

Current context of F-2 Languages education in Australian schools

The information in [this document](#) provides a snapshot of the use of and approach to the Australian Curriculum: Languages in Australian states and territories. June 2018

Quality Languages Programs in Victorian Schools

The Victorian Department of Education recently partnered with MLTAV to create 8 digital stories showcasing a range of innovative, whole-school approaches to the provision of high quality and sustainable Languages programs being implemented by government primary and secondary schools. June 2018

A compelling message from Australia's educators

A number of AFMLTA executive attended the recent forum held by the Australian Alliance of Associations of Educators (AAAE). This included opportunities to engage with the CEO of AITSL and ACARA. At the forum AAAE also shared A compelling message from Australia's educators. This is a 'profession-led initiative' of AAAE and six other peak organisations that aims to influence key stakeholders in a process that refocuses the Melbourne Declaration on the Educational Goals for Young Australians. May 2018

Exciting initiative for young learners in languages.

Read the AFMLTA Media Release on the Australian Government's commitment to the expansion of the ELLA program into the early years of schooling.