

## 16974 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to share Teaching and Learning Professional skills and knowledge acquired during a lifetime career in Teaching and Lecturing in Schools, Teacher Training Colleges and Universities in Australia and Overseas.

### Recommendations

#### Vision

1. Early Childhood Education builds the foundation for character building, educational enhancement, cognitive development, psycho-motor skills, socio-cultural interaction and communication in an increasingly, diverse multicultural demography in Australia, USA< UK and Europe.
2. Literacy and Numeracy education, with the onslaught of Internet such as Ai, ChatGPT, Spellcheck, Calculators, preoccupation with computer games and the increasing dependence on Google and other repositories... hinders the natural progress of the young child's innate potential talents.
3. The Australian Government, particularly the Honorable Prime Minister's Labour Government holds the unique and timely, chance to make a dramatic difference to the future population of Australia.
4. The Current highly competitive age of Space Travel, Supersonic weapons appearing daily in the Ukraine war, the increasing threat of nuclear war, and the constant domination of the Internet and AI in our everyday activities, this current cohort of EARLY CHILDHOOD children (future students ..citizens of Australia) require high quality EARLY EDUCATION policies. as well teaching and Learning, highly professional Training.
5. As evident in several nations, the time is appropriate for Australia to adopt, the successful practices such as Degree qualifications for staff at EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES.
6. A national or Statewide, EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM, implemented from a top down transfer of policies, is likely to ensure a nationwide creation of population of highly educated and talented individuals.
7. Bored with school lessons, NAPLAN, ATAR, class assignments, School tests, the traditional chalk and talk issues now require urgent review. Television and the Internet, too, embrace an Educator role contemporary society, hence the need for rebranding EARLY CHILDHOOD education is imminent.
8. Young children (and teenagers) engage positively in hands-on teaching and learning processes, inclusive activities outside the classroom, in short, a holistic learning environment, should be the approach in re-inventing and re-structuring the EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM.

9. The current reluctance to attend formal school, the recent trend among Year 11 and Year 12 students in WA, to opt for VET or General Studies instead of the ATAR in WA (the option chosen by the majority (during our children's years), are evidence of shortcomings in the Australian education sector.

10. In conclusion, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Australia, for my personal achievements in the education sector: Masters in Education from the University of Western Australia and successful PhD graduation from Edith Cowan University and a career as an educator in Tertiary institutions.