

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

The National Cultural policy is vital in supporting and encouraging our students and children to be their best. I feel that all schools should have access to a well stocked and well used library run by a qualified librarian. Too many schools are getting rid of library staff in order to claw back funds. Schools should be funded in an adequate way in order to maintain and staff a library. Libraries are more than just a \,room of books\, they are the hub and heart of a school. A place where students can connect and make friends, a place to study, a place to learn, most importantly a place to belong and feel seen and safe.

Libraries when used to their full potential have proven to support and scaffold classroom learning and curriculum. With rapidly declining literacy and numeracy rates, libraries can play a vital role in improving these statistics. As I am in Victoria, I firmly believe that the \,education state\, is letting students down. Not fully funding and supporting schools means that costs are being cut, the first to go are arts, music and libraries. These are areas where people can be free to express and explore themselves. The removal of these areas is adding to the mental health woes and lack of belonging in our most vulnerable, our children.