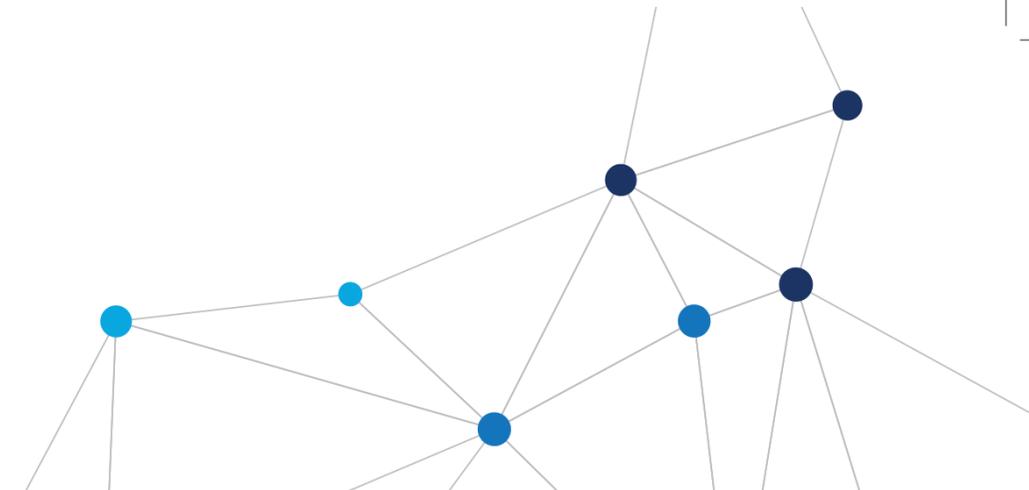


A Vision for Bilingual Education

BILINGUAL SCHOOLS NETWORK



Vision

- Our vision is that, in a world where multilingualism is the norm, that Victoria be a leading education system where everyone has access to and can benefit from exemplary bilingual education.

Mission

Our mission is to:

- significantly **enhance English literacy skills** as evidenced through international research;
- inherently foster **global citizenship, intercultural capabilities** and a **plurilingual mindset** that reflects the realities of contemporary Australian society;
- promote, celebrate and normalise the value of multilingualism, while also creating an authentic and localised context for **meaningful and sustainable language learning**;
- build student **learner capabilities** through bilingual education including cognitive flexibility; meta-cognitive, meta-linguistic, problem solving and risk-taking skills and understanding of language systems.

Goals

As a state we need to...

Pathways & Partnerships

Develop **sustainable pathways** for bilingual students from birth to adulthood.

Foster strategic and productive local, state, national and international **partnerships** to support bilingual education.

Showcase the bilingual network as a **teaching hub** for language educators.

Teaching & Learning

Support and prepare schools to implement **research-based bilingual teaching practices**.

Invest in **standardised curriculum frameworks and assessment** for target languages.

Provide initial and ongoing **targeted professional learning** for teachers in bilingual teaching practice.

Leadership & Governance

Communicate and advocate for bilingual education based on a **bilingual vision policy** which references global best practice.

Align policies to ensure the needs of bilingual schools are met, e.g. enrolment capacity and zoning.

Create a sustainable **succession plan** for bilingual education to build capabilities of leaders and teachers.

