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Cranbourne West Primary School No. 5189 **LOCAL CITIZENS POLICY**

RATIONALE:

To be productive citizens in the 21st century, students need to understand the challenges they may face in today's world. Cranbourne West Primary School has developed a Social Competencies framework that permeates throughout the whole school which promotes strategies such as self development, self esteem and self awareness.

As educators we must assist our students to understand that there are many things that they can do at a local level that impact positively on a global scale. We must encourage students to involve themselves in their local and personal environments in order for them become contributing members of their local community and to foster personal feelings of pride and belonging.

AIMS:

- To develop students who are socially competent and have an understanding of their role and responsibility as a local citizen.
- To create an understanding that as local citizens there are many different things that an individual can do to have a positive influence on their local community.
- To develop a culture that encourages our students to live the school values of Learn, Trust, Respect and Sense of Humour at school and in their local community.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES:

- Integrating age appropriate local, social and environmental issues into the curriculum.
- Developing meaningful relationships with children through multi age settings.
- Develop forums for valued 'Student Voice' including the establishment of a Student Representative Council.
- Providing students with a range of lunchtime activities which will hopefully encourage them to join local clubs.
- Continue to recognise the positive contributions our students are making to the school and local community.

EVALUATION:

- Student opinion survey
- Anecdotal evidence
- Program evaluation survey