

MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

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The Multicultural Education Strategy Team initiates and supports programs to assist schools to incorporate culturally inclusive perspectives in all teaching and learning programs, to promote understanding and the appreciation of Australia's diversity, and to minimise the impact of racism and discrimination in schools, and on student achievement.

Languages and Multicultural Education Resource Centre (LMERC)

150 Palmerston Street, Carlton 3053

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Web: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/index.htm>

LMERC is a DE&T specialist resource centre supporting programs and curriculum in Victorian schools predominantly in the areas of ESL, Languages, Multicultural Education, Koorie Education, Studies of Asia, Human Rights and anti-racism education.

The LMERC Library houses over 24,000 items, including non-fiction, fiction and reference books, big books and picture books, videotapes, audiocassettes, CDs, and CDROMS, posters and cultural items, and includes materials in over forty languages. The LMERC Library catalogue is available online at http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/lib_online_cat.htm

LMERC also handles the sales of DE&T publications in the areas of languages, ESL and multicultural education. For a full list of the publications available for sale from LMERC, visit

www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/docs/bookorder.doc .

Resources for teachers

Guidelines for Managing Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Schools
Department of Education, Employment and Training, 2001 - copies previously sent to all schools, and also available at www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/multi/pdfs/GuidelinesforSchools.pdf .

Professional Development

Multicultural Education Professional Development

Occasional workshops and seminars on inclusive curriculum and whole school practices are conducted after normal school hours at LMERC. Contact for

further details: Multicultural Education website at www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/multi/index.htm or Nuangwong Boonyanate, Senior Project Officer, 9637 2136.

Recommended Readings

These titles and other suitable readings are available for loan from the LMERC Library.

Nieto, Sonia (2004) *Affirming Diversity: Socio-political Culture of Multicultural Education* 4th Ed. Pearson, Boston

Henze, Rosemary [and others] (2002) *Leading for diversity: how school leaders promote positive intercultural relations*. Corwin Press, Thousand Oaks, Ca.

Coelho, Elizabeth (1998) *Teaching and learning in multicultural schools* Multilingual Matters, Clevedon

Kalantzis, Mary, Cope, Bill and Howard, Jenny (1997) *Multicultural & anti-racism Education: elements of an inclusive approach* Centre for Workplace Communication and Culture, Haymarket, NSW

NSW Department of School Education (1995) *Whole school anti-racism project* Sydney

Organisations

VATME (Victorian Association for TESOL and Multicultural Education)

Phone: 9940 1507

E-mail: vatme@vatme.vic.edu.au

Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs

Phone: 9208 3166

E-mail: multicultural.affairs@dvc.vic.gov.au

Web: www.voma.vic.gov.au

Victorian Multicultural Commission

Phone: 9651 6884

Web: www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/index.htm

Equal Opportunity Commission, Victoria

Phone: 9281 7111 or 1800 134 142

Web: <http://www.standuptoracism.com.au/index.asp>

Amnesty International

Phone: 9427 7055

E-mail: vicaia@amnesty.org.au

Web: www.amnesty.org.au/getntouch/vic.html

Asia Education Foundation/Access Asia – Victoria

Phone: 8344 4800

E-mail: j.wilson@asialink.unimelb.edu.au

Web: www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/aef/index.html

Websites

Racism. No Way! – a nationally developed website for teachers, students and school council members, at www.racismnoway.com.au

Website of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
www.humanrights.gov.au/index.html

Celebrate our Cultural Diversity Week
www.culturaldiversity.vic.gov.au/Default.asp