

**FURTHER SUBMISSION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STANDING PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON BOYS' EDUCATION
AND LITERACY.**

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2000.

Following the development of our submission, two cluster professional development groups have been established with members of the West Education Centre Management Committee hosting and facilitating the outer metropolitan and regional clusters.

Both clusters are characterised by a large number of the schools' catchment area commuting long distances to work and there are also a large number of the families receiving CentreLink support.

The participating schools have developed projects which meet their schools individual needs for teacher support in improving student outcomes in the improvement of literacy and numeracy skills. It is of considerable interest that because of the schools' increased confidence in dealing with boys' issues that they have moved to actively engage the parent cohort as well. This engagement was particularly important for the three secondary schools as it enabled them to consider transition needs with their feeder primary schools above and beyond the traditional physical transition issues (eg homework timetables etc)

The schools are

Craigieburn Cluster:

- Craigieburn South Primary School (Host School)

- Craigieburn High School

Bacchus Marsh Cluster:

- Bacchus Marsh Grammar School (P-12) (Host School)
- Darley Primary School
- Melton South Primary School
- Sunbury Secondary College

The project has now been included as part of the contract held by Learning Network Australia, (the peak body of the 21 Education Centres) and DETYA. The funding for Education Centres finishes in June 2001.