Dear School Principal

**Values Education Good Practice Schools Project – Stage 2**

I invite your school to participate in the Values Education Good Practice Schools Project - Stage 2; an initiative funded through the Australian Government’s Values Education programme. Stage 2 builds on the Values Education Good Practice Schools Project - Stage 1 and provides clusters of schools with the opportunity to apply for grants to support the implementation of good practice approaches to values education. I acknowledge the ground breaking work of the Stage 1 clusters of schools. Information about their projects is available on the values education website.

Schools are invited to apply for Stage 2 grants by 9 June 2006. Funding is available for up to twenty-five clusters of schools to implement good practice values education projects from June 2006 to May 2008. Application information is available on the values education website ([http://www.valueseducation.edu.au](http://www.valueseducation.edu.au)) or from Curriculum Corporation, which is managing this project on behalf of the Australian Government (phone: 03 9207 9600; fax: 03 9639 1616; e-mail: vegps2@curriculum.edu.au).

The Australian Government is committed to making values a core part of schooling and has allocated $29.7 million over 2004-2008 for its Values Education programme. Other initiatives include values education forums in every school in Australia involving parents and the whole school community; curriculum and professional learning resources for all schools to teach values (including a *Values for Australian Schooling Kit* to be distributed to all Australian schools in June 2006); national partnership projects with principal, parent, teacher and teacher educator organisations and an annual national forum.

I hope you consider applying for this funding for the implementation of values education projects through the Values Education Good Practice Schools Project – Stage 2.

Yours sincerely

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