

# **Rethinking the community Language teaching structure: A Call for Reform**

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# Grace's Linguistic Journey

- Grace's excitement with Indonesian at age 6.
- Transition to French due to staff change.
- The issue of inconsistent language programs.

# **Outsourcing to Community Schools**

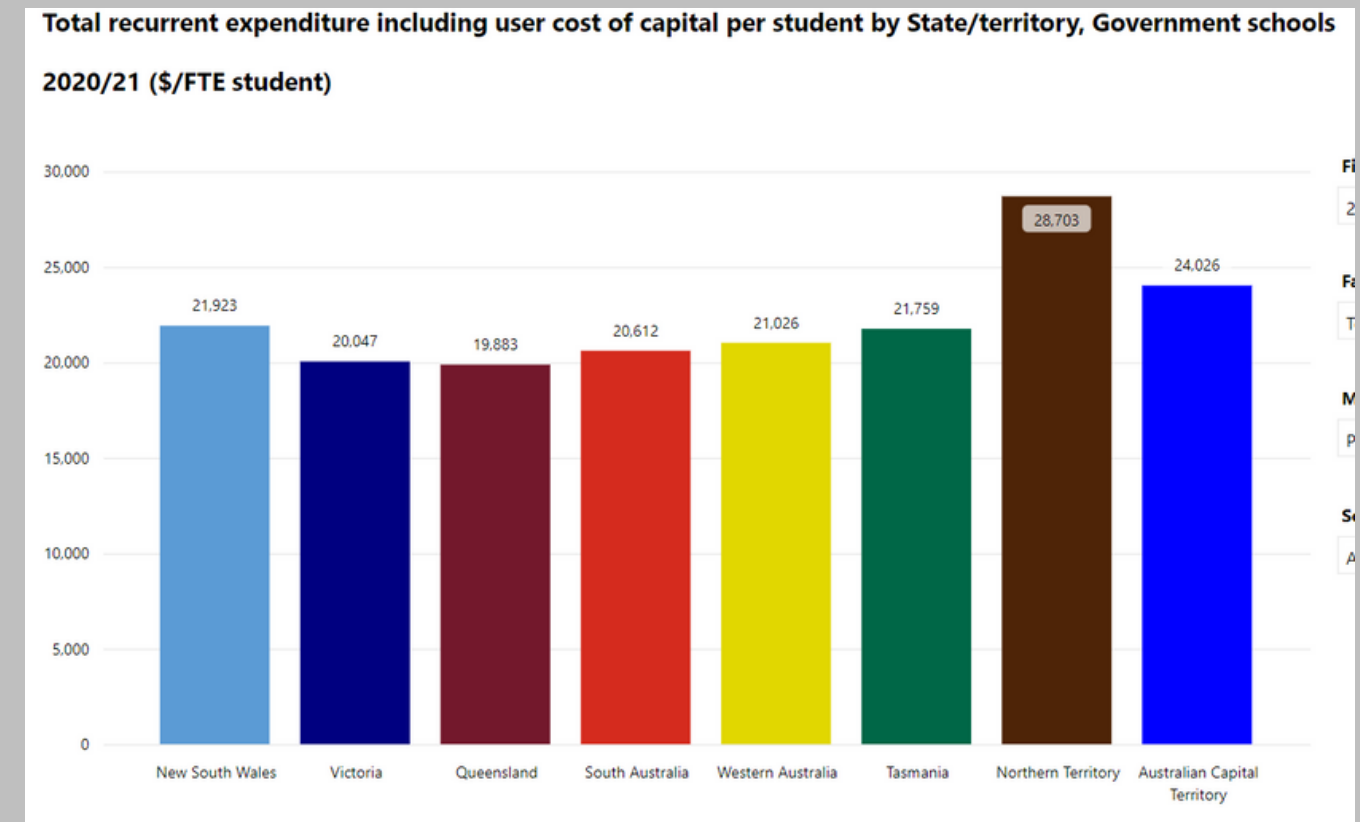
- Multiple language offerings
- Reduced costs for schools
- Continuity for students

# Crunching the Numbers

- 650 students leading to 1,300 teaching hours weekly.
- $1300 \text{ hrs} / 30 \text{ hours} = 43 \text{ students}$
- Student/staff ratio: 13.1 Australian average  
(<https://www.acara.edu.au>)
  - Expected cost of way above \$250,000 salaries alone  
vs.  
a budget of \$120,000 including all costs.

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- To look after each full time student at public schools costs \$21,026.
- 2 hours (our teaching time) divided by 30 hours (normal weekly classroom hour) =  $1/15$
- Times \$21,026 (annual expenditure per student) = \$1,401
- Huge disparity in funding per student

# **The Spectrum of Learning**

- Teaching a diverse group
- The advantage of community schools in catering to different levels

# **Beyond Words: The Cultural Soul**

- Beyond words and grammar
- The depth of culture in language (e.g., sushi example)

# Living the Language through Cultural Immersion

- The significance of cultural immersion in language learning
- Community schools as cultural hubs
- Upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival celebration as an example
- let's live it!





# Charting the Path Forward

- Enhancing our community language system.
- Vision: Inclusive, effective education.
- Your feedback is valued and I look forward to collaborate with other schools

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