# Community Languages Schools Quality Assurance Framework

Implementation Guidelines for Schools

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### **Foreword**

Community Languages schools play an important role in languages and culture education across all Australian States and Territories. They offer major advantages for communities, in particular families, who are keen to maintain the language and culture of their heritage. They are a complementary provider for the teaching and learning of languages which would otherwise be unavailable as it is not possible to offer over 70 languages through one system. In order to provide valid and reliable teaching and learning contexts, it is essential that every community language school be provided with clear guidelines which ensure the preparation of excellent learning and teaching activities,

The Quality Assurance Framework will enable community languages schools to develop improvement plans that can be evaluated in terms of a set of concrete measures, as well as qualitatively through record-keeping and the establishment of a school profile. Such a framework, which has clearly delineated dimensions and suggestions for their implementation, will provide a set of performance indicators for State and Territory Education jurisdictions to rely on in determining accreditation and registration of community languages schools. This process will enable these schools to validate and reward the significant amount of time and effort invested by their administrators, teachers, parents and students in the continuing provision of languages and culture programs for large numbers of young people in Australia.

As a languages teacher educator who works with teachers from many community languages schools, I am looking forward to working with this Quality Assurance Framework as I believe that is a significant step in the implementation of consistent quality in the teaching and learning of languages in these schools on a nation-wide basis.

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### Introduction

This document grows out of the work undertaken by Community Languages Australia on behalf of the Australian Government during 2003-2006 to improve national coordination and communication between all stakeholders and conduct research and initiate models for quality assurance processes that link to State and Territory accreditation processes.

A draft Quality Assurance Framework has been devised and has been undergoing ongoing refinement over the past four years through activities conducted at both national and state/territory levels. Most recently key stakeholders from the representative groups of each state/ territory have been actively engaged in workshops designed to provide input into the further articulation of the dimensions into key elements and reflective teacher and student behaviours. Each of the efforts of states/ territories has been further aggregated through a representative national committee to produce a Quality Assurance Framework, which forms the basis of this document. It is expected that the Framework and the suggested Quality Assurance process will be further refined as a consequence of trial implementation that will be conducted in early 2007. This refinement process should continue on a regular basis for the life of the document, to accommodate changes in government policies, research into best practices in community language teaching, and the practical realities of community language school operation.

The Quality Assurance Framework reflects the National Goals of Schooling in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, endorsed by all Australian state/territory and Commonwealth Ministers of Education (1999). It is also supports the key dimensions of the *National Statement and Plan for Languages Education in Australian Schools in Australian Schools 2005 -2008* developed through the Ministerial Council for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA). Indeed the Framework represents one of six key strands of the National Plan. Moreover the Framework is underpinned by the statement by Community languages Australia: *Community Languages Schools: Contributing to Quality Languages Education in Australia*.

This document has been developed to support the work of teachers and other members of local school communities engaged in working with students throughout Australia in the teaching of community languages. It describes the eight key dimensions that constitute the Quality Assurance Framework ("the Framework") and a suggested approach for their application in practice.

# Why use the Quality Assurance Framework?

The Quality Assurance Framework is an evaluative tool for supporting quality teaching and learning in community languages schools. It provides teachers, administrators, parents and other school community members with a practical tool for assessing the extent to which the various elements of quality community language schooling are consistently and observably practised and developing action plans for improvement, where appropriate.

The Quality Assurance Framework is not intended as a means of assessing an individual or their performance. Rather it is designed as a way of improving and enhancing the teaching of community languages in a school.

Using the Framework can also demonstrate to a local school community that a quality approach is currently being adopted by the school.

#### Who could use the Quality Assurance Framework?

The Framework is primarily a development tool for a Community Languages school. It is most effectively used when members of the local school community work together through the document and jointly produce an Action Plan for the coming 1 to 2 years. This group could include parents, school staff and members of the local community.

It is envisaged that the Framework may also be used from time to time to evaluate the existing quality levels of a school's teaching of Community Languages, from an external perspective. In this scenario a group of external and well respected educators would work with the school community, identifying possible areas of strength as well as possible areas for future development. It is envisaged that this may occur every 3 to 5 years.

The Framework has been developed following a process of extensive national consultation and is designed to be used by all community languages schools throughout Australia.

While a primary consideration in developing the Framework has been the need to build ownership of the Framework by its key users, the teachers, several other factors have shaped both the process of development and the design of the Framework itself. These factors include the need for:

- The Quality Assurance process to be minimally intrusive and take as little time to complete as possible. Community Language Schools operate only for a few hours per week, and the staff are either volunteers or paid at rates far below those of regular teachers. They cannot be expected to contribute significant amounts of time to the school beyond their current commitments.
- The framework to be explicit, transparent, and simply expressed, since the English language capability of staff and parents involved may be low
- The results to provide clear directions for improvement initiatives at the local school level, but at the same time must be reportable in a metric that allows aggregation to State and national level.
- The quality assurance process and tools to have the usual validity and reliability that would be expected from any evaluation process.
- The quality assurance process to be extremely cost-effective, since the entire budget for the operation of Community Language Schools is modest.

# What are the Dimensions of the Quality Assurance Framework?

The Framework has been developed from three key sources:

- the most recent and emerging research on "Effective Schools"
- the most recent and effective research on the teaching and student learning of Community languages
- the practical implications of each Dimension in relation to current teaching and learning activities in community languages schools.

The Framework has been developed based on the belief, which has been found to work in practice, that all of these dimensions need to be addressed to achieve quality in a school or a program. The dimensions work together in an integrated way and there is some overlap.

An overview of the Dimensions of the Framework is represented in the Figure 1 below.

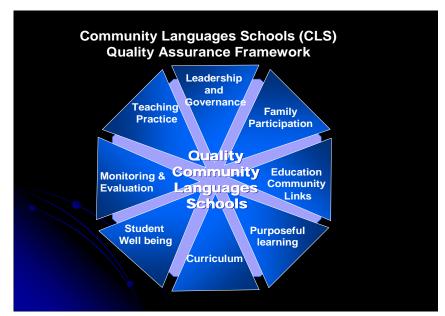


Figure 1: Overview of the Community Languages Schools Quality Assurance Framework

#### How is each of the Dimensions used within the Framework?

Each of the eight Dimensions has a particular meaning when being applied to the teaching and learning of Community Languages. A detailed description of each Dimension is outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Definitions of Dimensions of the Quality Assurance Framework

DIMENSION	DESCRIPTION	
Student well-being	The promotion of a positive, safe and secure learning environment that makes educational provision for each student as a unique individual.	
Teaching Practice	Those strategies undertaken by teachers to maximise student learning outcomes, underpinned by principles of best practice in classroom pedagogy.	
Monitoring and Evaluation	Strategies undertaken to seek and report information in relation to student outcomes and to use this information to enhance ongoing teaching/learning processes and school effectiveness.	
Leadership and Governance	The practices involved in inspiring school community commitment to student learning and ensuring policies and procedures facilitate effective and efficient school operation	
Family participation	The active and meaningful participation of families in all aspects of community language school life.	
School/Community links	Those relationships with other key stakeholders/organisations that produce reciprocal benefits for student learning in community language schools.	
Purposeful learning	First hand learning activities engaged in by students, focussed on their needs, goals and aspirations in relation to the community language being taught.	
Curriculum	The range of learning experiences, outcomes and appropriate assessment strategies, designed and documented to facilitate student learning in local community contexts.	

An overview of the Dimensions and Elements of the Framework are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Overview of Community Language Schools Quality Framework Dimensions and Elements

Dimensions	Element
1. Curriculum	1.1 The school's curriculum is understood by teachers and families.
	1.2 The structure of the school's curriculum makes provision for age appropriate and realistic and relevant student learning experiences.
	1.3 The school's curriculum is appropriately aligned with the relevant State/Territory curriculum structures.
	1.4 The school's curriculum provides for the teaching of the language in appropriate cultural contexts.
	1.5 The school's curriculum is appropriately resourced to promote student learning.
	1.6 Structures are in place for monitoring and updating the school's curriculum to ensure that it is reflective of broader curriculum change.
2. Leadership and	2.1 The school leadership establishes and communicates a vision that ensures excellence in student learning.
Governance	2.2 The school leadership provides direction and guidance for achieving the school's goals.
	2.3 The school leadership is responsible and accountable for all aspects of the school's operation.
	2.4 The school leadership develops and monitors policies and processes to support all aspects of the school's operation.
	2.5 The school leadership ensures that relationships within the school are based on trust collegiality and ethical practices.
	2.6 The school leadership efficiently manages financial, physical and human resources to support teaching and learning.
3. School	3.1 The school has built a positive relationship with host school which students attend
Community	3.2 The school has built positive relationships with the local community to promote the value of language learning.
Links	3.3 The school has established broader community relationships to provide first hand learning contexts.
	3.4 The school has established ongoing relationships with other community language schools.
	3.5 The school regularly engages with the relevant State/Territory education authority.
	3.6 The school regularly engages with other educational institutions.
	3.7 The school seeks opportunities to engage with the relevant international language community.
4. Monitoring and	4.1 The school has a process for collecting data about student performance
Evaluation	4.2 The school's assessment practices are sensitive and appropriate to individual student needs.
	4.3 The school has a process for reviewing data about student performance.
	4.4 The school has in place strategies to celebrate and reward student achievement.
	4.5 Evaluative processes are used to plan continuous improvement within the school.
	4.6 The school has established processes for communicating assessment information to students, parents/caregivers and other key stakeholders

5.	Teaching	5.1 Teachers communicate clear expectations about the standards and outcomes they expect their students to achieve.
	Practice	5.2 Teachers plan their lessons based on an understanding of their students learning needs and abilities.
		5.3 Teachers employ a range of teaching practices and strategies to engage and meet the needs of a range of students.
		5.4. Teachers regularly provide feedback on student performance.
		5.5 Teachers collaborate with colleagues and share ideas and experience to improve ideas and practice.
		5.6 Teachers ensure that lessons are organised and structured
		5.7 Teachers exercise effective classroom management techniques.
		5.8 Teachers have appropriate expertise.
		5.9 Teachers employ pedagogy that reflects known best practice in language acquisition.
6.	Purposeful	6.1 Students have a clear understanding of the goals for their learning.
	Learning	6.2 Students are provided with opportunities to manage their learning to build on their existing language skills and understandings.
		6.3 Students are given the opportunity to apply their learning in the real life contexts.
		6.4 Student learning provides opportunity for the demonstration of values such as caring, citizenship, fairness, respect responsibility, trustworthiness.
7.	Student	7.1 The school recognises, values and supports the diversity of its learners
	Wellbeing	7.2 The school's teaching and learning practices meet the interests, needs and abilities of all students.
		7.3 The ethos of the school promotes improved student learning outcomes.
		7.4 The school has identified the concern for individual students as a priority.
		7.5 The school provides a safe and secure learning environment for students.
8.	Family	8.1 Family participation contributes to context for language learning in this school.
	Participation	8.2 Family participation enhances continuation of language learning beyond the classroom context.
		8.3 Families share common aspirations and expectations about student learning with the school's staff.
		8.4 Families are actively involved in school life.

#### Understanding the key parts of the Framework

The Quality Assurance Framework for community languages is designed as a hierarchy of Dimensions, Elements, Pointers and Evidence that represent various aspects of the functioning of an effective Community languages school. This hierarchy is shown in Figure 2 below. The school's current performance in terms of the aspects of the Quality Framework is measured and recorded at the Element level. The Elements focus on the actions that Community Language schools can take to implement the principles, policies and strategies of good practice in community language learning. The Elements represent actions that teachers and school leaders can be held accountable for and contribute to improved school and classroom performance.

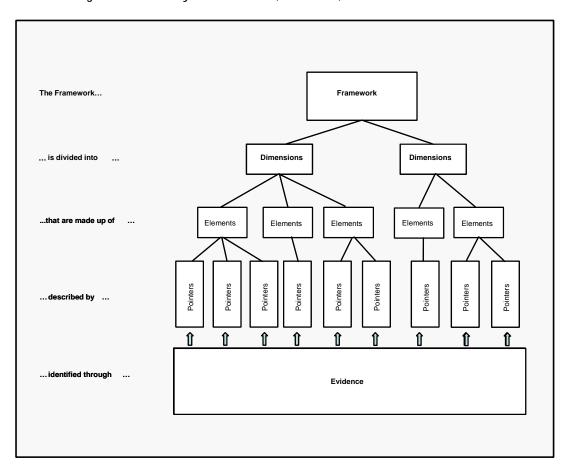


Figure 2: Hierarchy of Dimensions, Elements, Pointers and Evidence

# Using the Framework to evaluate school and classroom performance

The Framework is designed to provide a basis for making evaluative judgements about the extent to which the various elements of quality community language schooling are consistently and observably practised.

Pointers have been developed as part of the Framework to provide practical examples of what would be consistently seen in community languages classrooms and schools that were operating at best practice level. The pointers describe the elements and are a guide for evaluating the extent to which each element is demonstrated within the school's context. The list of pointers is not exhaustive; they are meant to provide a picture of what the element might look like, rather than a complete list of every aspect that could be considered.

Likewise, the examples of the kinds of evidence that might be considered in rating the elements provided in the Framework are neither prescriptive for all schools, nor the only kinds of valid evidence that might be appropriate in every circumstance. They are simply a guide for making decisions about the school's performance. The relationship between elements, pointers and evidence in this Framework can be seen in the example in Table 3 below.

The pointers and the examples of evidence shown are not necessarily all of equal importance in making decisions about the rating given to particular elements. Using the pointers is a matter of accumulating sufficient evidence to have confidence that the rating given is, "on balance"; valid. "Evidence" in this context might draw from documents such as Board Minutes, School Policy and Procedure documentation, teachers' programmes or staff, family or student observations, perceptions and views.

These views may be gathered from surveys or observations or from information gathered during interviews, focus groups or round table discussions conducted as part of the school Review process. The types and amount of evidence used in an evaluation by any individual school will vary according to its size, context and needs.

Table 3: Dimension: Teaching Practice

Element	Pointers	Evidence
Teachers communicate clear expectations about the standards and outcomes they expect their students to achieve.	The element can be demonstrated when for example:  Teachers reflect student outcomes in planning documentation.  Teachers articulate learning goals for students.  Students engage successfully in self evaluation.  Teachers regularly use reward systems compatible with identified student	Examples of evidence that might be considered include:  • A sample of teachers' programs show the outcomes expected from each lesson.  • Assessment tasks link directly to syllabus outcomes.  • Teachers can discuss what outcomes they are working towards in their lessons.  • Teacher planning documentation reflects identified standards.  • Student portfolios reflect

	standards.  • Students understand how the outcomes of their learning are assessed and reported.	identified learning goals.
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A set of rating scales have been developed to help schools to record their judgements about the extent to which each element is demonstrated. These rating scales are a useful means of summarising the judgements made about the extent of implementation of the practices represented by the elements.

The five points of the rating scale provide a basis for describing the current level of school performance. They allow performance of a particular school to be "benchmarked" against the quality standard described in the Framework. They also allow changes in practice over time to be measured.

The rating scale is based on observations of the extent to which various outcomes may be observed within a school. The scale is shown in Table 4 below:

Table 4: Quality Assurance Framework Rating Scale

Always demonstrated	To achieve this rating, it would be expected that the School Review Team would agree that the majority of pointers describe the usual practices in the school.
Mostly demonstrated	It would be expected that the School Review Team would agree that the majority of pointers describe the usual practices in the school, but there may be some significant exceptions, or some pointers may not be evident.
Sometimes demonstrated	This rating would reflect a situation that applied in some cases but not all. For example, the pointers may not be observed in some cases or may not be demonstrated consistently throughout the year.
Rarely demonstrated	This rating would be appropriate in circumstances where the School Review Team would agree that there is evidence that the pointers are demonstrated in very few instances in the school.
Never demonstrated	This rating would be appropriate in instances where none of the pointers for the element describe the practices in the school

Because the pointers are meant as a guide only and are not comprehensive, it is not desirable to "add up" scores for the pointers to arrive at the rating for the element. However, it would be unusual for a rating of "Always demonstrated" to be given where none of the pointers was present. Conversely, if all of the pointers were present it would be unusual to award a "rarely demonstrated" rating. Arriving at the final rating for the element is a matter of making an informed decision, taking into account the particular context and circumstances of the school.

#### How do you use the Framework for Reviewing your School?

#### Preparing for the Review

- The Framework is most effectively used when a team of key stakeholders from the school community collectively review how well the school is performing in relation to one or more Dimensions of the Framework. The Review process would normally take the equivalent of two days of data gathering and a third day for analysis of data and the development of a School Action Plan that would address the identified areas for improvement.
- Because all school leaders and teachers are very busy, the success of the Review depends on being very well prepared in advance. The school needs to appoint a Review Team Leader, normally from within the school leadership team. This person will take responsibility for organizing the schedule for data gathering and the composition of the Review Team. The Review Team leader should also take responsibility for communicating the results of the school Review to the school community and other key stakeholders. For further details, see Appendix 1, Flowchart of key Review Steps, Appendix 2, Checklist for School Review Team Leaders and Appendix 3, Checklist for School Review Team Members.

#### Forming a review team

- Ideally the Review Team should consist of representatives of school leaders, teachers, families and other school community members. You may also consider using senior students from within the school. The ideal size should be a minimum of three and a maximum of six. In order to provide a degree of independence, you may also wish to consider using teachers or school leaders from another school, including the host school or other education experts.
- Team Leader and members need to have sufficient time to devote to the review. (See approximate time allocations required in Appendix 1).
- It is also imperative that team members understand the importance of confidentiality, integrity and have the ability to treat members of the school community with respect. In addition, it is important that team members be open minded in relation to the issues that are raised. There is a natural tendency for "insiders" to be defensive about potential or perceived criticism of the school.

#### **Gathering evidence**

Having identified the Dimensions on which you need to focus, the team will then need to identify the range of evidence that will be needed to make judgments about the various elements. The Framework lists some suggested forms of evidence that might be useful for this purpose. In general, the kinds of evidence that will be considered include documentary evidence such as school policy and curriculum documents, newsletters, teacher lesson plans and programmes, student work samples, assessment records and annual reports. A second major source of evidence is the observations and perceptions of key stakeholders in the school community, including teacher, family, student and community views. The Review team will need to design an efficient and appropriate means for gathering these views. This might take the form of a survey or an interview with selected stakeholders. If a survey is used it will need to have been distributed, collected and scored prior to

the Review day. If interviews are used, there will be a need to develop a timetable with allocated times and responsibilities.

 Any documents to be used in the Review must be collected well in advance of the actual Review period so that they can be tabled in preparation for the Review.

#### Making judgments

The success of the review depends on the existence of open and honest discussions by Review team members about the extent to which good practices are observable within the school. The process for making judgments should always rely on the information gathered during the Review as such decisions need to be founded on information rather than intuition. For this reason, all the evidence in relation to a particular pointer needs to be considered simultaneously. The team will need to decide whether the evidence is sufficiently comprehensive to draw conclusions for future action. Where evidence is inconclusive or conflicting, team members need to decide which piece of evidence is considered most important, or whether more evidence needs to be gathered in relation to this element. In making judgments about particular elements, it is always important to consider the context within which the judgment is made.

#### **Recording judgments**

A tool for recording any judgments against the elements is included as an Appendix 4 to these Guidelines. The tool has space for recording any notes that the Review team might wish to make in relation to the reasons why the judgment was made, including the reasons for making the judgment and what areas may need to be improved. Table 5 below highlights an example of how evidence has been used to make a judgment about a particular element.

#### Table 5: Making judgments: An example

#### School context:

This is a small Community Languages school that has been operating for four years and has three teachers. The school operates on a Saturday in a rented church hall. Two of the teachers have recently arrived in Australia and speak and read the language well. None of the teachers have had teacher training but have university qualifications in other areas. One of these teachers, who had been associated with the school from the beginning is acting as Principal, but has a full-time job as well managing the family business.

# Element: Teachers have appropriate expertise.

This element is demonstrated when:

- Teachers are fluent users of the language being taught
- Teachers can explain how the language works to students
- Teachers identify their own training and development needs and goals
- Teachers have high level skills in LOTE teaching & pedagogy
- Teachers are regularly involved in professional development
- Teachers update skills and knowledge

#### What the review Team found:

The family members interviewed during the review all said they believed the teachers had good language skills and were highly respected in the community.

Teachers said they had good contacts with relatives and acquaintances in their home country that sent them magazines and videos regularly, but these were not used as teaching resources.

One of the teachers had enrolled in a teaching methodology professional development course, but had not yet completed it. The other two

on a regular basis

- Teachers regularly act as professional mentors for each other
- Teachers consistently reflect on own work for the purposes of self improvement
- Teachers regularly explain culture through language

teachers said they did not have time to attend professional development courses.

Teachers did not meet together to discuss learning issues. Staff meeting time (usually for half an hour before classes) was used to discuss planning for community events.

The school had little contact with other schools teaching the same language.

Students said that their lessons were boring because they only worked from textbooks.

#### Judgement:

The team decided that this element should be scored at the "Rarely Demonstrated" level because the majority of pointers could not be demonstrated.

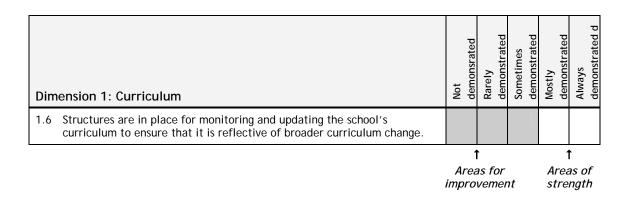
Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
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#### Developing a profile for your school against the dimensions

At Appendix 5 a Framework Summary Template has been developed to allow schools to develop a profile of their performance against the Framework. This enables the results to be displayed in visual form that highlights strengths and areas for improvement. Using this template simply requires the ratings given for each element to be transferred from the individual element templates used from Appendix 4. An example of a school's profile in the Curriculum dimension is shown in the extracts from the summary template below (Table 6). In this example, it could be concluded that while the school does well at teaching the language in appropriate cultural contexts and has documented its curriculum well, it has not ensured that teachers and families understand the intentions of the curriculum, nor is the curriculum well resourced. A school in this situation may decide to make stronger communication about the curriculum a priority for the coming year.

Table 6: Sample School Profile in relation to Curriculum Dimension

Dim	ension 1: Curriculum	Not	Rarely	demonstrated	Sometimes	demonstrated	Mostly	demonstrated	Always demonstrated d
1.1	The school's curriculum is understood by teachers and families.								
1.2	The structure of the school's curriculum makes provision for age appropriate and realistic and relevant student learning experiences.								
1.3	The school's curriculum is appropriately aligned with the relevant State/Territory curriculum structures.								
1.4	The school's curriculum provides for the teaching of the language in appropriate cultural contexts.								
1.5	The school's curriculum is appropriately resourced to promote student learning.								



#### Reporting the profile to key stakeholder groups

Once the profile is completed, it is important that findings should be communicated
to all key stakeholders within the school community. This may take the form of a
short summary of the school's strengths and areas for improvement in relation to a
particular Dimension in the school's Newsletter or on its website if appropriate.

#### **Using the Results for School Improvement Planning**

#### **Developing a School Action Plan**

- The major purpose of the Review process is to enhance the overall performance of the school. The Review process is designed to identify a range of areas that could be addressed to enhance school performance. For this purpose, a School Action Plan template has been developed (Appendix 6). The purpose of this Plan is to enable the teachers to collaboratively develop, from the Review findings, the particular priorities that could be addressed in the future, to improve school performance. Each of these priorities should be documented on the Template, accompanied by responses to the following questions:
  - What outcomes will be achieved?
  - What actions are necessary?
  - Who will do them?
  - How will it be done?
  - What additional resources will be needed?
  - By when will it be done?

Once this template has been completed, it should be distributed to all key school community stakeholders for their information. In addition the completed template can be used as the basis of a School Action Plan (see Appendix 6) and for monitoring progress against identified timeframes. It is suggested that a representative group of school community representatives (eg teachers, family members, other school community representatives) be established as a Working Party for directing the work in addressing the priorities on the School Action Plan template. It would be expected that the priority areas in the Action Plan should be of sufficient scope that change could be achieved within a 12 month period.

#### Monitoring and reporting progress against the plan

• The School Action Plan is the key tool that should be used for implementing the priorities from the Review process. In addition progress must be regularly monitored and reported to the school community in relation to the implementation of the priorities. While the implementation phase may be driven by a Representative group, it is important that one member of that group take major responsibility for this important task.

# **Appendices**

**Appendix 1: Flowchart of Key Review Steps** 

**Appendix 2: Checklist for School Review Team Leaders** 

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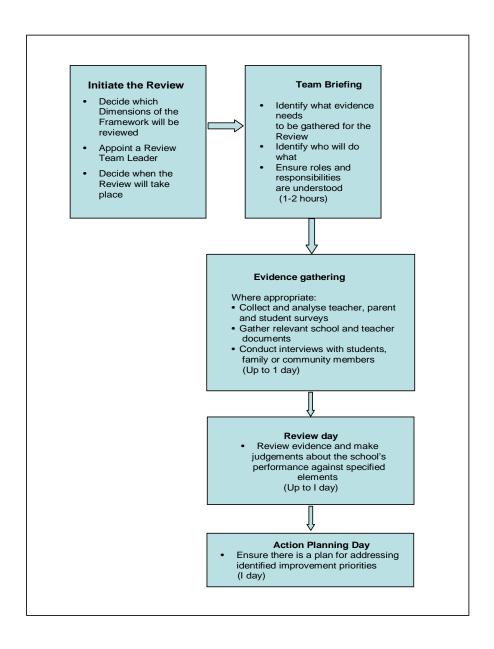
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**Appendix 5: Framework Summary Recording Template** 

**Appendix 6: School Action Plan Template** 

#### **Appendix 1: Flowchart of Key Review Steps**

It is anticipated that most schools will need to set aside time for 3-4 meetings of the School Review Team. The following flow chart outlines the steps to be taken during a review. Note that in some cases, particularly small Community Language Schools, the Evidence Gathering day and Analysis day may be combined.



## **Appendix 2: Checklist for School Review Team Leaders**

Team Leader responsibilities						
Before the Review	Organize timing of the Review, including the dates for the Review					
	Determine composition of team					
	Brief team members about the processes that will be used during the Review					
	Ensure all team members understand their responsibilities for the Review					
	Ensure all Team members understand the Framework and are given a copy					
	Ensure all members of the school community are aware of the Review and how they will be involved eg Newsletter/Staff meetings					
	Decide, in consultation with the Review team what evidence will be gathered in advance and how this will be gathered, eg family or student survey					
	Organize a space for Review team meetings during the Review					
	Collect any other documentation required to provide evidence for the Review, eg teacher programmes, school policy documents					
	Organize schedule of interviews to be undertaken with relevant stakeholders eg teachers, community members					
	Establish communication arrangements with key school community stakeholders					
During the Review	Ensure that all organizational arrangements are in place					
	Ensure that all appropriate evidence to be considered is available					
	Lead team discussions about evidence gathered to make informed judgements about the elements considered					
	Ensure that the judgements are appropriately recorded on the tools provided					
	Lead discussions in terms of the possible implications of the evidence for school improvement priorities					
After the Review	Ensure that the School Action Plan is developed as a collaborative activity by all staff to address issues emerging from the Review					
	Ensure the results of the Review are communicated in appropriate ways to members of the school community eg summary in school newsletter, discussion at staff meeting					
	Formally thank and acknowledge members of the Review team					

## **Appendix 3: Checklist for School Review Team Members**

Team Member Responsibilities						
Before the Review	Attend necessary briefing meetings					
	Ensure that you understand the purpose of the Review					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that you understand your roles and responsibilities in the Review process and how they complement the roles of other members of the Review team</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that you have all necessary documentation to assist your role in the Review eg Framework</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that you understand the processes that will be used during the Review process</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that you are clear about what evidence will be gathered in advance and how this will be gathered, eg family or student survey</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that you are aware of the space for Review team meetings during the Review</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Be clear about your schedule of interviews to be undertaken with relevant stakeholders eg teachers, community members</li> </ul>					
During the Review	<ul> <li>Ensure that you are punctual and well prepared for all interviews</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that you have the facilities for recording responses to interviews and other data gathering strategies</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Contribute actively to team discussions about evidence gathered</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Be a good listener and provide time for interviewees to provide information</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Leave all interview spaces as you found them</li> </ul>					
After the Review	Complete any activities required of you by the Team Leader					
	<ul> <li>Ensure that all documentary evidence from the Review is given to the Team Leader</li> </ul>					

# Appendix 4: Template for recording of judgments about elements

	Dimension 1: Curr	iculum		
Element 1.1. The school's curriculum is understood by te	achers and families.			
Not demonstrated Rating:	d Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:  Teachers' planning documentation reflects the school curriculum  Teaching strategies used in classrooms come from the school curriculum  Families have been advised about key aspects of the school curriculum.  Teachers regularly discuss curriculum links for teaching the language  Student assessment strategies are directly linked to the objectives of the curriculum	documents to tead  Teachers are prog school's curriculur  Teachers' program growth from year  Teachers are involuted professional learning curriculum.  Families regularly	y use these sets of the language. ramming from the maining reflects student to year.	Notes: (Observations about the evid based).	lence on which your rating was

## **Dimension 1: Curriculum**

Not demonstrated Rating:	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:	Evidence  Examples of evidence that might be considered include:		Notes: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based).	
<ul> <li>The curriculum provides an extensive range of writing, speaking, listening and viewing opportunities.</li> <li>Activities for students have been planned in accordance with students' stage of development</li> <li>Teachers select resources for teaching that relate directly to the objectives of the curriculum and individual student needs</li> <li>The curriculum caters for a variety of ages, genders, and target-language speakers.</li> <li>The curriculum is in a sequence to facilitate student learning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School documentation reflects the following:</li> <li>Students have opportunities to read, listen to and write the language in a way that is relevant to their everyday lives.</li> <li>Students read and respond to a range of texts for meaning and enjoyment.</li> <li>Students write correctly and appropriately to communicate, record and for self-expression.</li> <li>Teachers assist students to appreciate different accents and dialects in language</li> <li>Students are encouraged to take pride in correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.</li> <li>Student activities focus on explicit</li> </ul>		rating was based).	

#### **Dimension 1: Curriculum** *Element 1.3.* The school's curriculum is appropriately aligned with the relevant State/Territory curriculum structures. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was There is clear relationship with the State or Territory Minutes of curriculum committee Framework documents. meetings reflect the overall intentions The school's curriculum is aligned with States and of the relevant state/territory Territories mainstream syllabus/curriculum documents curriculum documents. Teachers are aware of the spirit and intentions of the Student activities regularly reflect the content and objectives of the relevant relevant state/territory curriculum documents state/territory curriculum documents. Curriculum committees within the school follow the Student projects reflect the intentions relevant state/territory curriculum documents of the relevant state/territory curriculum documents. Teachers can readily discuss the nature and intention of the state/territory curriculum documents in relation to the language being taught.

#### **Dimension 1: Curriculum** *Element 1.4.* The school's curriculum provides for the teaching of the language in appropriate cultural contexts. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was Teachers regularly make use of the culture of the Activities lead students to recognise how language as a learning tool for students culture shapes identity. Relevant parents and community members are regularly Students can recognise elements of the employed to assist in the teaching of the language different cultures which contribute to Teachers regularly use resources that enable first hand their own identities. learning experiences for students Activities lead students to appreciate The curriculum provides cultural ideas that assist teachers their own culture/heritage and value the diversity of cultures in their community. to use first hand experiences in teaching students The curriculum committee ensures the strong emphasis on Students show respect for the cultural teaching the language through relevant cultural contexts practices of their communities. Students share cultural experiences and respect differences.

#### **Dimension 1: Curriculum** Element 1.5. The school's curriculum is appropriately resourced to promote student learning. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated **Sometimes** Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Written texts are appropriate to needs and skill levels of Students regularly use information students. technology to enhance learning. The curriculum is resourced appropriately utilising the Classrooms are well equipped with most up-to date media contemporary and relevant resources. Technology is a tool for assisting student learning Students regularly use resources in Community and commercial resources are regularly used language learning. to enrich students' learning experiences. Teachers are aware of the range of resources in the school and select them Teachers are aware of the importance of the need to use resources and regularly share these with colleagues in in accordance with student learning order to assist student learning needs. An allocated budget is available within the school to Teachers regularly discuss the use of resources to enhance student learning. ensure that resources remain contemporary within the Families are sometimes engaged in the school school in the development of appropriate resources.

## **Dimension 1: Curriculum**

Not demonstrated Rating:	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:	Evidence  Examples of evidence that might be considered include:		Notes: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating wabased).	
<ul> <li>The curriculum is regularly reviewed to ensure that it remains challenging and relevant.</li> <li>Curriculum follows a structured cycle of review, planning and implementation</li> <li>A representative curriculum committee has been established to review the curriculum</li> <li>Teachers are aware of the bigger picture of emerging curriculum change in relation to the teaching of languages</li> <li>Teachers ensure the most up to date methods and content are taught to students</li> <li>Curriculum is outcomes based and addressing key learning areas relevant to community language schools</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>are conducted.</li> <li>Minutes of curric demonstrate the teacher discussion curriculum trenders.</li> <li>Policy and curriculum appropriate follows a planne.</li> <li>Teachers can descurriculum approprianguages.</li> <li>Students display contemporary cuite follows.</li> <li>Teachers' planning formation.</li> </ul>	occurrence of regular ons about emerging s. ulum documentation		

#### **Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance** Element 2.1. The school leadership establishes and communicates a vision that ensures excellence in student learning. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was The school leadership guides the school in improving Subcommittees monitor student educational outcomes of students and staff. outcomes and the learning program, taking into account the students' ability There is a culture of continuous improvement in the to use the target language. school that ensures the focus on enhanced student outcomes Clear responsibilities have been assigned The school leadership actively communicates the vision of to curriculum committee members and the school to families and the broader community. staff. Staff are members of broader community The school leadership ensures that it keeps up to date with educational changes and changes in students' needs and language associations. School newsletters regularly refer to Leaders identify those aspects of the culture that support or detract from learning and respond appropriately superior student achievements. Leadership recognizes the school's strengths and builds on Community newspapers are regularly used to showcase student achievement. them Leadership provides time, resources and opportunities to Minutes of school meetings reflect the enable the school community to clarify beliefs and values focus on excellence in student learning. and set future priorities Community members are kept up-to-date

with school information.

There is a culture of high expectations for all students.

#### **Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance** Element 2.2. The school leadership provides direction and guidance for achieving the school's goals. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Notes: Evidence This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The school leadership communicates goals, plans and Policy documents reflect a clear focus achievements clearly to staff and community. on the governance of the school. The school leadership takes responsibility for managing All curriculum and policy committees timelines for any process of changes are supported with adequate time and The school leadership takes responsibility for governance resources to fulfil their aims. Committee members are nominated of the school. The school leadership ensures that the school community from staff, support staff and community is involved in decision making about the school. members. Senior students, staff and community The school leadership understands the vision and guides the organization towards goal achievement. members are groomed for future membership of the school leadership Leaders influence the direction of others towards a shared team. purpose. Leaders model, advocate and support continuous learning. Students, parents and teachers are seen to be partners in education and work together to achieve the school's goals.

#### **Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance** *Element 2.3.* The school leadership is responsible and accountable for all aspects of the school's operation. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The school leadership ensures compliance with all School policy documents highlight relevant legislation and regulations and funding the educational accountability requirements and strategies for requirements. The school leadership understands educational addressing these. accountability and has established policies and procedures Relevant Board of Studies and Government education guidelines are to address these issues followed and documented. Clear roles and responsibilities are identified for the school leadership and members of staff School financial requirements are followed and documented. Statements of income and expenditure are kept up to date and reflect an efficient school operation. Class rolls and related student documentation are diligently maintained.

#### **Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance** Element 2.4. The school leadership develops and monitors policies and processes to support all aspects of the school's operation. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The school leadership takes responsibility for planning, Policy documents in all areas of the developing, monitoring and reviewing the school's school's operations are employed to guide decision making. policies. The school has established a cycle of planning, Minutes of meetings reflect the implementation and ongoing review for school policies curriculum and policy cycles in action Changes to policies are made with the interest of the Key members of the school community. school and its community in mind. are aware of school governance issues and regularly participate in such Key members of the school community regularly reflect, review and evaluate school policies, procedures and decisions. The school leadership ensures effective teaching. School policies and practices provide for the needs of communication to key stakeholders of all decision making on important school transient and casual members of the school community.

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# **Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance**

Element 2.5. The school leadership ensures that relationships within the school are based on trust, collegiality and ethical practices.						
Not demonstrate Rating:	ed Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated		
<ul> <li>Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:  Whole school planning is undertaken on a collaborative basis.</li> <li>Code of ethical conduct has been developed and agree upon by all school community members</li> <li>Leadership promotes and maintain positive relationshes.</li> <li>Leadership understands and address equity issues.</li> <li>Leadership constructively manages the resolution of conflict.</li> <li>The school's purpose is shaped by all groups within the school community.</li> <li>Strategies for collaborative decision making are employed.</li> <li>Structures exist at all levels which promote open communication, debate and collective decision making.</li> </ul>	ethically with mo community.  School code of e display in all put individuals and good celebrate their at the whole school concommon place.  Members of the seach other in a rebenefit of the sc	acts openly and embers of the school thical conduct is on lic areas. It is the contributions of the roups to promote and chievement. It is munity events are school community help ange of ways for the	Notes: (Observations about the evid	lence on which your rating was		
communication, departe and confective decision making	unique abilities a individual studer	and diversity of				

#### **Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance** Element 2.6. The school leadership efficiently manages financial, physical and human resources to support teaching and learning. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was Subcommittees monitor satisfaction levels from staff and Policy documents for efficient students by surveys or feedback. management of resources are openly available to members of the school The school/community is encouraged to help and support community. one another Members of the school community can Duties of school positions are clearly defined and discuss the benefits of the way resources communicated Opportunities are offered to community members to are managed in the school. Voluntary effort by community members develop leadership skills. Individuals seek and are encouraged to seek leadership is readily recognized. Community member attend courses Staff have opportunities to assume leadership roles. relating to aspects of school operation eg Management principles course.

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** *Element 3.1.* The school has built a positive relationship with host school which students attend. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The school promotes its services to the host school as a Host and community language schools complementary provider of languages participate in each others' celebrations. The two schools regularly make use of each other's Host school willingly shares facilities to • assist community languages school. facilities Student achievements in the relevant language are Teachers from the community languages reported on the host school's report card. school sometimes attend staff meetings at the host school. Teachers from both schools share resources Community languages teachers and relevant Opportunities for teachers to observe each other's host school teachers regularly discuss lessons are scheduled student progress in languages. Teachers from the community languages school feel welcome at the host school

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** Element 3.2. The school has built positive relationships with the local community to promote the value of language learning. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The community languages school is seen to be part of the There is a regular reporting process about local community. the progress of the school to the wider School leadership researches and finds out the existence community, eg. AGMs, monthly meetings. The students display their learning and are of other community groups, agencies and other services in the immediate local community. given an opportunity to practise their skills School leadership understands, knows and employs the in real life situations to the community (eq. services of local community agencies. end of the year celebrations, church reading, community functions or School leadership is willing to liaise and socialize to promote effective reciprocal relationships with the local committees). The community provides financial assistance community (?) Members of the local community are regularly in the for the community language school. school contributing to student learning of the relevant Students attend various community/group/agency events, language. workshops, festive celebrations regularly. The school has established links with the local business Communities/groups/agencies are invited to community. • school events and festive celebrations. Staff receive support and recognition from the local community. Student work and photos are regularly published in local paper.

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** Element 3.3. The school has established broader community relationships to provide first hand learning contexts. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Relationships between home school and the community A list of resources - newspapers, websites, are actively supported. government gazettes, newsletter are made available to the broader community. The school has built positive relationships in the relevant Teachers and students attend various community The community languages school takes advantage of community/group/agency events, workshops, festive celebrations regularly. opportunities for celebrating success with the broader School invites other community communities/groups/agencies to events and The school uses formal and informal strategies to identify and develop an understanding of the school's cultural festive celebration regularly. Teachers can describe their involvement groups. with such groups as Ethnic Communities Council, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia, relevant teachers' organizations, religious, cultural, professional organizations, Community Languages Australia, Australian Federation of Ethnic Schools Associations). Students participate in local multicultural and charity events. Student and teacher achievements are regularly recognised in local media

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** Element 3.4. The school has established ongoing relationships with other community language schools within and across States and Territories. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). • Teachers regularly exchange teaching and learning ideas Joint professional development programs with colleagues from other community language schools. are conducted on agreed sites. • Teachers from a variety of schools plan and share Interstate competitions are organized to professional development experiences. promote language skills. Regular lesson observations and professional • Schools share resources and facilities where appropriate. discussions occur between schools.

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** Element 3.5. The school regularly engages with the relevant State/Territory education authority. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Notes: Evidence This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). There is acceptance of the community languages school Languages and cultural education policies as a complementary provider of languages and cultural include reference to community languages schools as partners in languages education. education. Education system policy and planning Productive relationships have been established between the school and relevant state/territory authorities documents refer to the complementary role of community languages schools. The community languages school is made welcome by the local host school All education authorities promote learning Compliance occurs with Board of Studies / mainstream in community languages schools as a school requirements for Year 12 qualification valuable educational activity Communication with government education bodies is a All education authorities are aware of key responsibility of the community languages school quality assurance strategies that exist in the community languages school. Principal Teachers in government and non government schools regularly communicate with community languages teachers about students they share in common Mainstream teachers know about and publicise the benefits of learning languages and culture in community languages schools to all students Government and non government schools host observation visits by teachers

Dimension 3: School Community Links									
Element 3.5. The school regularly engages with the relevant State/Territory education authority.									
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
Pointers		Evidence		Notes:					
This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Examples of evidence that mig	ht be considered include:	(Observations about the was based).	e evidence on which your rating				
		completing their	accreditation.						
		·	ng process that outlines						
		student achievem	ents in an ethnic school						
		that is included in	n the students' educatio	nal					
		profiles and is use	ed in discussion with						
		students and pare	ents.						

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** *Element 3.6.* The school regularly engages with other educational institutions. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers and school community members The school finds out the existence of other educational institutions that can enhance learning outcomes for regularly attend various Education Institution students events and workshops regularly. The school invites other education The school understands and knows the roles of these educational institutions. institutions to its own events and festive The school is willing to liaise to promote good celebration regularly. relationships with these educational institutions. Teachers have accessed specific language programs and shared with other teachers. The school has established contact with tertiary Teachers have attended national institutions to offer in-country scholarships. The school has established links with tertiary bodies to conferences. offer professional development at state and national Teachers share experiences and ideas gleaned form conferences. level. The school has established student exchange programs Students are hosted. Host to gain first hand through tertiary institutions. experience in language and culture.

#### **Dimension 3: School Community Links** Element 3.7. The school seeks opportunities to engage with the relevant international language community. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Relevant language country representative The school has established links with its country. provides educational support and training The school is aware of possible assistance that may be accessed through the host country Language country regularly provides educational resources where appropriate Participation with embassies /consulates and overseas offices is a regular feature of school operation Educational funding is regularly explored and received from the host country Members of the international language community are representative regularly invited to school events Representative from host language is an Relationships have been leveraged so that students can active member of the school community and communicate with peers in the relevant language country. is regularly invited to school events and celebrations.

	Dimensio	n 4: Monitoring a	nd Evaluation							
Element 4.1. The school has a process for o	Element 4.1. The school has a process for collecting data about student performance									
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated					
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:  Teachers observe and keep records of development and learning.  Data collection is regular, focuses on concluding and quantitative measures.  Teachers make use of data collected for student learning outcomes	utcomes and uses	requirements for rachievement data Teachers' record rachers, record rachers, students the approaches tal assessment data Students' work is ramples collected Teachers regularly assessing students	t policies document egularly gathering studer sighlight the maintenance dent assessment policy and parents are aware of the for collecting student egularly marked and for assessment purposes use agreed tests for	was based).	he evidence on which your rating					

#### **Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation** *Element 4.2.* The school's assessment practices are sensitive and appropriate to individual student needs. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The school's student assessment policy makes provision Student assessment records reflect the use for the diverse needs of students of a range of student measurement practices A range of assessment strategies are used with students Student assessment records reflect that tools in accordance with learning needs and practices have been selected in accordance with each student's need and Teachers regularly search for additional assessment tools developmental stage for measuring student achievement Student report cards reflect a range of Teachers attend professional development programmes information on language achievement on to assist them to develop tailored assessment tools each student Teachers are able to discuss student achievement in accordance with a variety of assessment practices

#### **Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation** Element 4.3. The school has a process for reviewing data about student performance. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers regularly assess students' learning in a variety School's student assessment policy is of ways. regularly referred to as the reference point School student assessment policy provides guidelines for for student assessment reviewing data about student performance Teachers write down anecdotal notes or Teachers attend professional development programmes observation notes after lessons Teachers use log books, diaries, rubrics about student evaluation (commercial or self designed) to cover all Tools are available to assess student progress areas of student development and progress Depending on aims and tasks set, the teachers use oral or written tests, observation notes, videos/displays/posters made by students, rubrics, (self-) evaluation forms, anecdotal records, checklists, graphic organisers etc. Teachers use formative assessment and summative assessment tasks. Records of exams and exercise books are kept. Students maintain portfolios of work

#### **Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation** *Element 4.4.* The school has in place strategies to celebrate and reward student achievement. Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Achievements across the school community are regularly The school community recognises the acknowledged and rewarded. significance of celebrations and reward systems for students. Celebration and reward systems for student achievement have been discussed with students and their families Students can describe their selection of The school community values the ceremonies, symbols rewards presented to them. Parents participate and recognise and the and rituals used to reward achievement. Student achievement rewards relate directly to the importance of rewards and celebrations for student achievement. school's goals. There is a perceived sense of justice by students in the reward system being employed

## **Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation**

*Element 4.5.* Evaluative processes are used to plan continuous improvement within the school.

## Rating:

Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:  • The school has a policy for planning, implementation and evaluation in a cyclical process • The school has developed guidelines for using assessment data as the basis for making decisions about whole school improvement	more of the folk - mair - keep - crea	appropriate level, do one or owing: ntain a portfolio, o a logbook, te mind maps	Notes:	be evidence on which your rating
<ul> <li>The school community monitors school practices and provides feedback</li> <li>Community members are invited to provide feedback to the school</li> <li>New ideas are explored and evaluated.</li> <li>The school models commitment to school improvement.</li> <li>Future school priorities are informed by the evaluation of outcomes.</li> <li>Ongoing school practices undergo regular evaluation using formal and informal strategies.</li> <li>Evaluation and review processes are built into school initiatives.</li> </ul>	- set t - part conf conf  Primary students personal learning Middle school stutheir learning for map Secondary stude parent-teacher-s Guest speakers a comments about school Community opin	plete evaluation sheets their own learning goals icipate in peer ferences/round table ferences s have developed their g goals udents are able to summarize r the term e.g. in a mind  ints use their portfolio for a student conference are regularly asked for their their perceptions of the ion on important issues is ionnaires/reply slips.		

Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation										
Element 4.5. Evaluative processes are used to plan continuous improvement within the school.										
Rating:										
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:		exchange information practices  All members of the (community lead teachers) have received express opinions  Students' details	of the school community etion pertinent to school community ers, families, students, egular opportunities to on the running of the scare regularly updated planning records are	was based).	he evidence on which your rating					

## **Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation**

Not demonst	trated Rarely demonst	rated Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers	Evidence		Notes:	
This element can be demonstrated when for example:	Examples of eviden	ce that might be considered include:	(Observations about was based).	the evidence on which your rating
<ul> <li>Teachers provide students with feedback on their learning.</li> <li>Teachers report on students' learning to parents, a mainstream school.</li> <li>School policy guides practice in this area of school operations</li> <li>School community members have been consulted of most appropriate forms of communication of students assessment information</li> <li>Teachers conduct programs for parents to be infor about what is being taught in the syllabus.</li> <li>Student learning outcomes are documented and clocommunicated in an accessible form to students as parents/caregivers.</li> </ul>	supportive encourage Teachers s parents Students ta their famil An annual An annual teacher in Feedback i attendance and Teacher/P	eceive accurate, caring and comments, notes, ment, scaffolding, test scorbare anecdotal information ake workbooks home to show y report is provided to parent report is sent to the child's the mainstream schools regularly provided to pare e and progress.  arent interview evenings are student progress.	es etc. with w to ess ents on	

#### **Dimension 5: Teaching Practices** *Element 5.1.* Teachers communicate clear expectations about the standards and outcomes they expect their students to achieve. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: This element can be demonstrated when for example: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers reflect student outcomes in planning A sample of teachers' programs show the outcomes expected from each lesson. documentation. Assessment tasks link directly to State and Teachers articulate learning goals for students. Territory syllabus outcomes. Students engage successfully in self evaluation. Teachers regularly use reward systems compatible Teachers can discuss what outcomes they with identified student standards. are working towards in their lessons. Teacher planning documentation reflects Students understand how the outcomes of their learning are assessed and reported. identified standards. Student portfolios reflect identified learning goals.

#### **Dimension 5: Teaching Practices** Element 5.2. Teachers plan their lessons based on an understanding of their students' learning needs and abilities. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Lesson plans demonstrate a clear understanding of Classroom activities are taught in accordance with learning needs and abilities students' needs. Teaching/learning strategies take account of of students. students' needs and abilities. Teachers are able to discuss varying needs Classroom resources reflect varying interests and and abilities of students. abilities of students. Students' completed work reflects Assessment strategies have been developed in achievements at different ability levels. accordance with each student's learning need. • Teachers have knowledge of relevant learning theories and teaching practices and use these to plan their **lessons**

#### **Dimension 5: Teaching Practices** Element 5.3. Teachers employ a range of teaching practices and strategies to engage and meet the needs of a range of students. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers have a sound knowledge of students' • The teacher gathers and records information about the students from a variety of resources backgrounds and needs. Teachers adapt their teaching to the different eg: personal observation, student records, student and parent interviews, evaluation and learning styles of students. assessment of prior knowledge. Teachers use a variety of resources and methods of • The teacher uses all information obtained to presentation. identify the particular needs of the students. Teachers create a supportive environment for the • The teacher updates knowledge of language achievement of the school's objectives, taking and cultural changes in the community and account of the needs of students. country of origin in relation to particular Teachers create a positive, nurturing and stimulating students. learning environment, inclusive of all students. • Students can select from a range of tasks and The teacher uses relevant technology to facilitate activities. student learning. • Lessons are planned and presented in a flexible way. • Students work on tasks at their own pace. • Students are engaged and happy.

	Dimen	sion 5: Teaching	Practices		
Element 5.4. Teachers regularly provide feedb	ack on student pe	erformance.			
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:  Teachers maintain records of individua chievement Teachers regularly mark work completion. Students engage in a range of peer an assessment activities. Student learning outcomes are docum clearly communicated in an accessible students and parents/caregivers. Reporting provides information to assessment activities assessment.	ted by students and self- mented and e form to	<ul> <li>parents.</li> <li>Students can describely have been giv</li> <li>Teachers keep recoassessment.</li> <li>Student work samp teacher feedback.</li> </ul>	ds have been provided to libe the kinds of feedbaten by teachers. ords of student les show evidence of the display language and	was based).	e evidence on which your rating

#### **Dimension 5: Teaching Practices** Element 5.5. Teachers collaborate with colleagues and share ideas and experiences to improve ideas and practice. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers review their teaching practices and learning Team planning documents are a key part theories, with a view to improvement. of teachers' planning documentation. Teachers support each other's professional Teachers are adopting creative teaching development by engaging in formal and informal strategies in the teaching of language. discussion about learning and teaching. Staff meeting minutes reflect times on Teachers invite each other to observe and participate the agenda for professional discussion. in observing lessons in order to build a professional discourse for improving and developing practice.

Dimension 5: Teaching Practices									
Element 5.6. Teachers ensure that lessons are organised and structured									
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Evidence  Examples of evidence that migr	bt be considered include:	Notes: (Observations about the was based).	ve evidence on which your rating				
<ul> <li>Teachers' planning documentation is reaup to date.</li> <li>Teachers have appropriate resources to needs/levels.</li> <li>Lessons are prepared in advance.</li> <li>Curriculum/syllabus documents are diliginated in the continuity of learning for students.</li> </ul>	meet student ently followed.	Well developed curr	ed in learning. es are used. om one step to the next						

	Dimension 5: Teaching Practices									
Elen	Element 5.7. Teachers exercise effective classroom management techniques.									
Ratin	•	ot demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
Point This e	ters element can he demonstrated when for example:		Evidence Examples of evidence that migr	ht be considered include:	Notes: (Observations about the was based).	e evidence on which your rating				
•	The teacher and student negotiate and patterns of behaviour which encourage reflect school policy.  Students are fully engaged in learning. Clear student behaviour expectations are understood and implemented in cl Lessons are rarely interrupted by behaviour expectations are rarely interrupted by behaviour expectations.	e learning and and standards assrooms.	<ul> <li>expectations relati</li> <li>Code of student coclassrooms.</li> <li>Teachers are able classroom manager</li> <li>Students are able</li> </ul>	nduct is displayed in to discuss how effective ment has been achieved						

	Dimen	sion 5: Teaching	Practices		
Element 5.8. Teachers have appropriate expertis	se.				
Not Rating:	demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:  • Teachers are fluent users of the language be	eina taught	Evidence  Examples of evidence that might	it be considered include:	Notes: (Observations about the was based).	e evidence on which your rating
<ul> <li>Teachers can explain how the language worl</li> <li>Teachers identify their own training and devineeds and goals</li> <li>Teachers have high level skills in LOTE teach</li> <li>Teachers are regularly involved in profession development</li> <li>Teachers update skills and knowledge on a reachers regularly act as professional mentoother</li> <li>Teachers consistently reflect on own work for purposes of self improvement</li> <li>Teachers regularly explain culture through I</li> </ul>	ks to students velopment  ning nal regular basis ors for each or the	with colleagues and colleagues.  Teachers participate development works organised by relevate authorities, Languate Teachers do profession languages magazing concerning classroom development  Teachers complete qualification  Teachers regularly development cours	d seek advice of te in training and shops and seminars ant educational age Support Services etc. sional readings eg. es, book/videos om management/child a formal teaching attend professional es ss cultural background ar	nd	

#### **Dimension 5: Teaching Practices** Element 5.9. Teachers employ pedagogy that reflects known best practice in language acquisition. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Notes: Evidence This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). • Teachers ensure that students write in the target language The classroom walls display language and in ways that are correct and appropriate for the purpose cultural posters and audience. Festivals and rituals are observed • Teachers reflect language nuances in their communication Learners are involved in reading, speaking, of the language writing and responding. • Language is taught within a cultural context Learners listen to, view and respond to • Teachers provide ample experiences of the language and of stimuli provided in the community language. the associated culture(s) to develop socio-cultural Learners learn communication strategies to awareness specific to the language maintain communication. • Teachers create an environment where learners are Learners obtain information by searching constantly exposed to the target language and culture. through the texts in the community People, information, resources and professional language. organisations are accessed by the teacher for the Learners obtain information by listening to or improvement of personal teaching practice. reading texts in the community language. • Teacher practice is developed and refined as a result of Learners participate in social interaction evaluation and reflection by teachers and students. related to the task of problem solving, eg meeting new people, making arrangements, making decisions, obtaining and discussing public and private information Learners learn to maintain personal relationships within the community. Learners acquire and develop knowledge and

Dimension 5: Teaching Practices									
Element 5.9. Teachers employ pedagogy that reflects known best practice in language acquisition.									
Rating:	Mostly demo	nstrated Always demonstr	rated						
Pointers		Evidence		Notes:					
This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Examples of evidence that mig	ht be considered include:	(Observat was based	tions about the evidence on which your l).	r rating			
		understanding of a	spects of the target						
		language communi	ty.						
		Learners can discuss personal and cultura	s aspects of their own al identity.						

#### **Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning** Element 6.1. Students have a clear understanding of the goals for their learning. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Students see learning a second language as an advantage Students can discuss their goals and give Students have established goals for their learning examples of what they have been taught. Teacher/student discussions about learning goals are a Students can talk about reasons/advantages of language learning. characteristic of classrooms Parents are aware of student goals and discuss these with Teachers' programmes show lessons that describe the benefits of language learning. their own children Students' work samples reflect the focus on Student goals are documented in student records Students understand why they are learning the language goals Parents are able to articulate student goals Students enjoy learning and their role in the achievement of the Students value the relevance of their learning goals. Students understand the expected outcomes of their Teachers are able to discuss the goals for learning. individual students and how they are being addressed

# Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning 2. Students are provided with opportunities to manage their learning to build on their existing

Rating:	ot demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
<ul> <li>Pointers         This element can be demonstrated when for example:         Students are provided with opportunities development in a variety of areas         Teachers provide clear goals and objective learning activities.         Teachers provide learners opportunity to take responsibility for their own learning         Teachers encourage and promote the act of all learners in exploring, investigating, communicating and self-discovery.         </li> </ul> <li>Students understand how the outcomes of are assessed and reported.</li> <li>Students independently and collaborative adjust their goals and future learning strates accomplish tasks.</li> <li>Students access technology as an integral their learning.</li> <li>Students make decisions about the next sown learning in collaboration with others</li>	es for the  learn skills to  ve involvement reflecting,  f their learning  ly set and tegies.  e range of egies to  component of  teps in their	opportunity to parand cultural learn o Leader o Dance o Debati o Public o Sport o Cultural activities and hor improve their ling skills.  • Work samples show action, apply know and draw conclusinformation.  • Students generalities and activities and activities and hor improve their ling skills.	larly being given the rticipate such language ing activities as: ship programs  Ing competitions speaking opportunities at activities regularly how classroom nework help the students juistic knowledge and w that students take wledge, think, respond, ions from given see from the specific data of reformulate them.	was based).	e evidence on which your ratin

#### **Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning** Element 6.2. Students are provided with opportunities to manage their learning to build on their existing language skills and understandings. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating This element can be demonstrated when for example: was based). Lesson plans reflect opportunity for extension activities for some students and different tasks for different levels of student achievement Students, do one or more of the following: maintain a portfolio, keep a logbook, 0 complete evaluation sheets set their own learning goals 0 participate in peer conferences/round table conferences

#### **Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning** Element 6.3 Students are given the opportunity to apply their learning in the real life contexts. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Notes: Evidence This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). • The classroom walls display language and Teachers create an environment where learners are constantly exposed to the target language and culture in cultural posters real life situations. • Festivals and rituals are regularly observed Teachers provide learners with opportunities to • Learners obtain information by searching participate in the use of the target language in a wide through the texts written or spoken in the range of activities. community language. Teachers provide ample experiences of the language and • Learners obtain information by listening to or of the associated culture(s) to develop socio-cultural reading texts in the community language. awareness specific to the language Learners use the language in social Language is taught within the context of the community interaction related to the task of problem Students understand their own culture solving, eg meeting new people, making arrangements, making decisions, obtaining Learning is relevant to contemporary Australian context and discussing public and private information (real world learning) • Learners learn to maintain personal relationships within the community. • Learners acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of aspects of the target language community. • Regular use is made of modern technology, current newspaper and magazine articles and community facilities • Excursions are regularly undertaken where

Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning								
Element 6.3. Students are given the opportunity to apply their learning in the real life contexts.								
Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated								
Pointers		Evidence		Notes:				
This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Examples of evidence that might be considered include:		(Observations about the was based).	e evidence on which your rating			
	students have the opportunity to use target							
		language						

## Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning

Element 6.4. Student learning provides opportunity for the demonstration of values such as caring, citizenship, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.

trustwortniness.					
Rating:	ot demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Evidence Examples of evidence that migr	ht be considered include:	Notes: (Observations about the was based).	ne evidence on which your rating
<ul> <li>Teachers regularly highlight the value of c differences</li> <li>Teachers have knowledge of other cultural</li> <li>Teachers are sensitive to values of other c demonstrate these through student learnin</li> <li>Teachers deliberately plan student learnin that highlight important social values</li> </ul>	I practices ultures and ng experiences	of important social contexts  Students work sam differences and sin different cultures  Lesson plans and p and sequence char emphasis on social  Students achieve p	nilarities in social values rogrammes, include scop ts make provision for	in	

Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing  Element 7.1. The school recognises, values and supports the diversity of its learners.						
Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:	Evidence  Examples of evidence that might be considered include:		Notes: (Observations about the was based).	(Observations about the evidence on which your rating		
<ul> <li>Teaching and learning activities within the school value cultural identity</li> <li>All members of the school community, including the students, contribute to the culture of the school.</li> <li>The opinions of all individuals and groups in the school community are valued.</li> <li>The school actively promotes diversity through the organization of community based learning activities</li> <li>The school curriculum is driven by an ongoing focus on cultural diversity</li> </ul>	organize cultural community  Community mem the school to end of student learni School based cur documentation h  Students are regu	riculum and policy ighlight cultural diversity larly researching materi esentations that support	e in ss			

# **Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing**

Element 7.2. The school's teaching and learning practices meet the interests, needs and abilities of all students.

### Rating:

Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:	Evidence Examples of evidence that n		Notes: (Observations about was based).	the evidence on which your rating
<ul> <li>Teachers, in consultation with parents and/or community members, use, acquire and/or develop teaching resources that are appropriate to students' interests, needs and abilities</li> <li>Teachers keep regular records of individual students' abilities and achievements</li> <li>Teachers plan interesting and motivating lessons and learning activities in accordance with student need a ability level</li> <li>Community members contribute knowledge and/or expertise to enhance learning experiences for studen</li> <li>The organisation of learning in the school reflects individual differences in learning styles</li> </ul>	teaching resource accordance with characteristics  Teachers engage share teaching resource accordance with characteristics  Teachers engage share teaching resource according resource teaching	relevant workshops and I by a variety of providers equivalents ge ideas on enhancing ividual students designed, documented and ordance with needs and ents seted to the students eg I levels/interests thing and learning methods lesson sibers assist with learning inputer		

#### **Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing** *Element 7.3.* The ethos of the school promotes improved student learning outcomes. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). The teacher provides a nurturing environment in the Teachers and community members 'meet classroom and greet' Students find the classroom positive and stimulating Parents and teachers resolve issues Student peer relationships are emphasised in the cooperatively. classroom. Lessons include pair work/group work/peer teaching/circle time Positive student teacher relationships are considered to be important for learning Assemblies/class meetings/show and tell Community members and teachers model respectful sessions. behaviour at all times. Guest speakers/community members are invited, hosted and acknowledged for their Teachers model cooperative and supportive behaviour and encourage these behaviours in their students. involvement. Teachers encourage self-development and student Classroom rules and expectations are negotiated with the students autonomy. Classroom management strategies focus on positive Students receive regular and positive feedback on behaviour behaviour. Teachers are sensitive to student needs Students work together in peer groups Students are allowed choices in their learning process, consistent with their age Staff and students value parents' assistance at school and developmental level. School encourages parental participation in school Students are given opportunities to reflect activities on their learning and behaviour Parents are asked to help with students' homework Teachers collect information about their School seeks parental suggestions and opinions

Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing						
Element 7.3. The ethos of the school promotes improved student learning outcomes.						
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated	
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:  • School communicates with parents at academic progress	pout the students'	<ul> <li>are mutually respe</li> <li>Students are taking mentor for other si</li> <li>Parents are seen to the school and specific</li> </ul>	and concerns en teachers and stude ctful and relaxed g responsibility and be	was based). ents eing a into	he evidence on which your rating	

Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing									
Element 7.4. The school has identified the concern for individual students as a priority.									
Not dem	onstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
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Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Evidence Examples of evidence that mig	ht be considered include:	Notes: (Observations about was based).	the evidence on which your rating				
<ul> <li>The wellbeing of students is a priority in all the of the school.</li> <li>A shared expectation exists that all students witheir best.</li> <li>Structures and strategies exist to ensure that a have the opportunity to achieve their best.</li> <li>School and Classroom policy documentation hig the essential place of the student in the school</li> <li>Each student is working to a program that highligh individual strengths and identified areas for development.</li> </ul>	II achieve II students hlights	<ul> <li>the student in the</li> <li>The teacher highliquent</li> <li>centrepiece in planal learning activities</li> <li>All students expressivalued in the class</li> </ul>	ghts the student as the nning teaching and as the feeling of being for who they are of their children's need						

### **Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing** Element 7.5. The school provides a safe and secure learning environment for students. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Notes: Evidence This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers have an understanding of the concept of 'duty of Building and classrooms are suitable, clean care' and its implications. and easily accessible for all teachers and students. The school provides a safe teaching and learning environment. A responsible adult supervises students at Teachers consult with parents regarding their child's all times. physical needs/ health issues and keep appropriate Students have access to appropriate facilities eg toilets/taps/wet area. records The school and its teachers take health issues into Health information is collected from the consideration when planning lessons and/or assisting parents at enrolment and updated each students. year The collected information is kept close at Students are supervised at all times School follows relevant state education jurisdiction's hand at school, but treated confidentially student well being, safety and behaviour policies Teachers gather information about students The school environment is safe, comfortable and pleasant. with special needs in their classes e.g., on the Internet and attend workshops Learning occurs within a stimulating and secure At least one adult present in the school has environment. a current First Aid Certificate. Roles and responsibilities for student wellbeing are The school displays plans for emergencies agreed, documented and clearly understood by staff, e.g., fire, and holds regular practice drills. students and parents. Students with special needs are given extra time (e.g., dyslexia), or allowed to bring and use equipment that facilitates their

Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing									
Element 7.5. The school provides a safe and secure learning environment for students.									
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:		<ul> <li>a Police clearance</li> <li>There is a total all abuse of children</li> <li>Isolation of a sing never occurs.</li> <li>The school has ke police checks etc.</li> <li>Procedures/form</li> </ul>	le reader) eachers have evidence e osence of physical/mer le student with teache pt appropriate records	was based).  of  ntal  rs  of  tted	e evidence on which your rating				

Dimer	Dimension 8: Family Participation							
Element 8.1. Family participation contributes to the context f	Element 8.1. Family participation contributes to the context for language learning.							
Not demonstrated Rating:	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
<ul> <li>Pointers         This element can be demonstrated when for example:     </li> <li>Families take part in school celebratory events to reinforce cultural aspects of the language eg. fetes, festivals, extra curricula activities.</li> <li>Opportunities for family participation and involvement are integrated into the learning environment by the teacher.</li> <li>Annual performances enable students to show family/community members what they learned.</li> <li>Families provide materials and resources for the school</li> <li>Family members suggest possible first hand learning experiences from within the school's curriculum</li> <li>Families and teachers willingly share their expertise to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>number of family in the students enjoy designed knowledge singing, dancing, expensive family members at teachers with the cultural activities</li> <li>Family members at the students activities</li> </ul>	attended by a large members. monstrating their newly by acting in a play, etc. re involved in assisting provision of first hand re involved in outside as designed to produce fir	was based).	e evidence on which your rating				
Families and teachers willingly share their expertise to enhance student learning	Families donate re	sources to the school n use to simulate first ha	nd					

#### **Dimension 8: Family Participation** Element 8.2 Family participation enhances continuation of language learning beyond the classroom context. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Evidence Notes: This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Sound relationships exist between family members and Parents use a variety of activities to teachers continue student learning beyond the Families are assisted by teachers in their efforts to classroom provide support to student learning at home. Parents organize activities in small groups to ensure student learning beyond the Teachers encourage on-going oral and written communication between home and school. classroom The teacher provides regular updates for parents to equip Students' diaries reflect ongoing learning of the language beyond the classroom context them as home partners in student leaning Family members understand their responsibility in Student displays reveal the integration of children's work both inside and outside the assisting their children to continue classroom context

## **Dimension 8: Family Participation** Element 8.3. Families share common aspirations and expectations about student learning with the school's staff. Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always demonstrated demonstrated Rating: **Pointers** Notes: Evidence This element can be demonstrated when for example: Examples of evidence that might be considered include: (Observations about the evidence on which your rating was based). Teachers support and encourage involvement of Family/community members help out in the family/community members. classroom. Family/community members contribute to Communication (in target language) between students and families is encouraged. lessons through presentations, sharing Teachers organize regular meetings with family members experiences or special activities (e.g. cooking or doing crafts with students). Teachers allocate time to discuss student progress with Family/community members help making family and to encourage family participation in the costumes for performances. children's learning Meetings are employed to inform the teacher to know the Students proudly share what they learned from talks with native speakers. student family situation and background. Teachers regularly encourage parents/family to check and School bulletins, progress reports, help with students homework certificates for achievements reflect ongoing school/family relationships. Parents/family can describe the meetings that they have attended. Teachers have better knowledge of student background and can talk about it and provide for it. Family acts as volunteers in reading groups and on excursions Parent/family members consistently attend parent/ teacher interviews

Dimension 8: Family Participation										
Element 8.3. Families share common aspira	Element 8.3. Families share common aspirations and expectations about student learning with the school's staff.									
Not demonstrated Rarely demonstrated Sometimes Mostly demonstrated Always de demonstrated demonstrated										
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:		<ul> <li>families to observ</li> <li>Family members a about the content</li> <li>Families participa applicable</li> </ul>	gularly held to enable re classes and teachers communic t of lessons te in school camps whe	was based).	ne evidence on which your rating					

	Dimen	sion 8: Family Pa	rticipation						
Element 8.4. Families are actively involved in school life.									
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
Pointers This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Evidence Examples of evidence that mig		was based).	he evidence on which your rating				
<ul> <li>Participation of family/community memencouraged.</li> <li>Family members are nominated and elegoverning council.</li> <li>Strong partnership exists between the samembers</li> <li>Family actively supports/attends school</li> <li>Family is involved in establishing school</li> <li>Family is represented on the school Mara Committee</li> <li>The school seeks and welcomes feedback (through a survey or by encouraging fama)</li> <li>The school seeks feedback from families</li> <li>The school creates opportunities for fama contribute to school activities</li> <li>Family takes part in school celebratory</li> <li>Structures exist to ensure that new familiare made aware of the beliefs and values school, policies processes and procedures</li> <li>New families of the school are encouraged to the ongoing development of the school</li> </ul>	events goals & policies nagement  ck from family nily comments) s nilies to events ies of the school s that underpin s. ed to contribute	food in breaks.  Family members a  Family members p decision making.  Family-community time maintaining s applicable, premis  School records refl goal/policy setting  Management Comm parent participation  School principal catactivities that have involvement  Family takes part in teams and social communities are encountered.	members volunteer the chool resources and, we see the parents' interest in the minutes show and the minutes show and the encouraged family and fetes, festivals, etc in extra -curricula spoulubs eg soccer games ar family meetings raged to take part in committees/Parents 8	neir when n					

Dimension 8: Family Participation									
Element 8.4. Families are actively involved in school life.									
Rating:	Not demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated				
Pointers  This element can be demonstrated when for example:		Evidence  Examples of evidence that might be considered include:		Notes: (Observations about the was based).	e evidence on which your rating				
		families  Minutes of school n	ol picnics  andparents Day with  neetings and newsletter rticipation by families	r's					

# **Appendix 5: Framework Summary Recording Template**

Elements	Not Demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Dimension 1: Curriculum					
1.1 The school's curriculum is understood by teachers and families.					
1.2 The structure of the school's curriculum makes provision for age appropriate and realistic and relevant student learning experiences.					
1.3 The school's curriculum is appropriately aligned with the relevant State/Territory curriculum structures.					
1.4 The school's curriculum provides for the teaching of the language in appropriate cultural contexts.					
1.5 The school's curriculum is appropriately resourced to promote student learning.					
1.6 Structures are in place for monitoring and updating the school's curriculum to ensure that it is reflective of broader curriculum change.					
Dimension 2: Leadership and Governance					
2.1 The school leadership establishes and communicates a vision that ensures excellence in student learning.					
2.2 The school leadership provides direction and guidance for achieving the school's goals.					
2.3 The school leadership is responsible and accountable for all aspects of the school's operation.					
2.4 The school leadership develops and monitors policies and processes to support all aspects of the school's operation.					
2.5 The school leadership ensures that relationships within the school are based on trust collegiality and ethical practices.					
2.6 The school leadership efficiently manages financial, physical and human resources to support teaching and learning.					
Dimension 3: School Community Links					
3.1 The school has built a positive relationship with host school which students attend					
3.2 The school has built positive relationships with the local community to promote the value of language learning.					
3.3 The school has established broader community relationships to provide first hand learning contexts.					
3.4 The school has established ongoing relationships with other community language schools.					
3.5 The school regularly engages with the relevant State/Territory education authority.					
3.6 The school regularly engages with other educational institutions.					
3.7 The school seeks opportunities to engage with the relevant international language community.					

Elements	Not Demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
Dimension 4: Monitoring and Evaluation					
4.1 The school has a process for collecting data about student performance					
4.2 The school's assessment practices are sensitive and appropriate to individual student needs.					
4.3 The school has a process for reviewing data about student performance.					
4.4 The school has in place strategies to celebrate and reward student achievement.					
4.5 Evaluative processes are used to plan continuous improvement within the school.					
4.6 The school has established processes for communicating assessment information to students, parents/caregivers and other key stakeholders					
Dimension 5: Teaching Practice					
5.1 Teachers communicate clear expectations about the standards and outcomes they expect their students to achieve.					
5.2 Teachers plan their lessons based on an understanding of their students learning needs and abilities.					
5.3 Teachers employ a range of teaching practices and strategies to engage and meet the needs of a range of students.					
5.4. Teachers regularly provide feedback on student performance.					
5.5 Teachers collaborate with colleagues and share ideas and experience to improve ideas and practice.					
5.6 Teachers ensure that lessons are organised and structured					
5.7 Teachers exercise effective classroom management techniques.					
5.8 Teachers have appropriate expertise.					
5.9 Teachers employ pedagogy that reflects known best practice in language acquisition.					
Dimension 6: Purposeful Learning					
6.1 Students have clear understanding of the goals for their learning.					
6.2 Students are provided with opportunities to manage their learning to build on their existing language skills and understandings.					
6.3 Students are given the opportunity to apply their learning in the real life contexts.					
6.4 Student learning provides opportunity for the demonstration of values such as caring, citizenship, fairness, respect responsibility, trustworthiness.					
Dimension 7: Student Wellbeing					

Elements	Not Demonstrated	Rarely demonstrated	Sometimes demonstrated	Mostly demonstrated	Always demonstrated
7.1 The school recognises, values and supports the diversity of its learners					
7.2 The school's teaching and learning practices meet the interests, needs and abilities of all students.					
7.3 The ethos of the school promotes improved student learning outcomes.					
7.4 The school has identified the concern for individual students as a priority.					
7.5 The school provides a safe and secure learning environment for students.					
Dimension 8: Family Participation					
8.1 Family participation contributes to context for language learning.					
8.2 Family participation enhances continuation of language learning beyond the classroom context.					
8.3 Families share common aspirations and expectations about student learning with the school's staff.					
8.4 Families are actively involved in school life.					

# **Appendix 6: School Action Plan Template**

(It is suggested that one page be used for each Dimension that you would like to focus on. Remember to keep your plans simple and achievable. You may wish to focus on just one Dimension with just two or three outcomes)

Name of Dimension to focus on:	
Outcome to be achieved:	
Indicators that tell us we have achieved our outcome:	

Outcomes to be achieved	Actions	Who will do it?	How will it be done?	Additional resources needed	By when?