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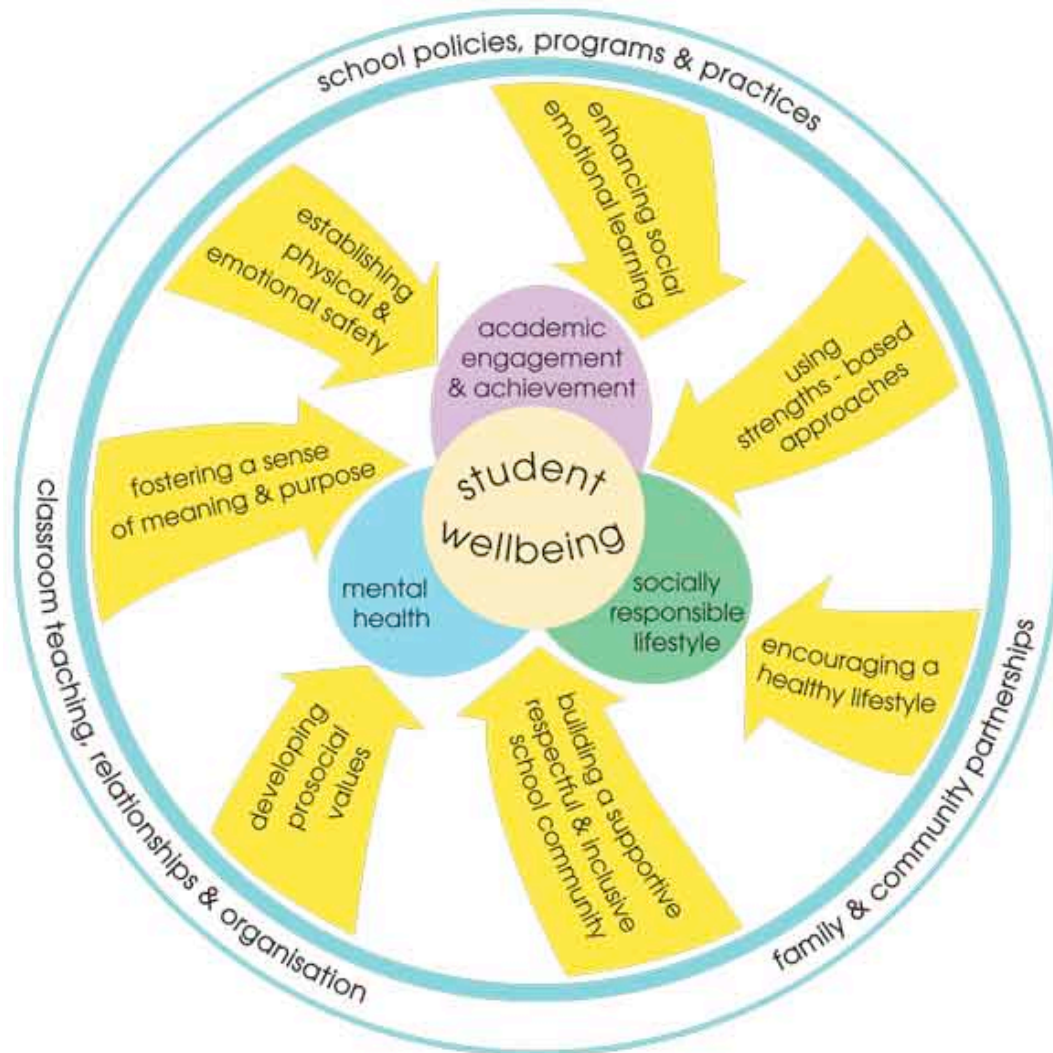
As highlighted in our last newsletter Dr Toni Noble with other members of this network are heading up the Australian Government 's (DEEWR) scoping study on student wellbeing. The purpose is to investigate the feasibility of an overarching national framework/policy statement on student wellbeing. The team has conducted a comprehensive literature review of evidence based approaches to student wellbeing and student learning.

WE NOW NEED YOUR INPUT on the draft definition and framework.

Your feedback can make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of young people in Australia. To access the survey please click on the following link.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=EDmcDW_2b2Q1kHlf5kddqf9Q_3d_3d

Could you please complete the survey by October 1st, 2008



The diagram above provides an overview of the draft student wellbeing model. You need between 15 and 30 minutes to complete the survey, depending on how much you have to say. We would value your feedback on the questions with Likert scales, even if you don't have time or wish to contribute to the comments sections.

Your help and support with this vital study is much appreciated. If you have any problems with this please email mail@wellbeingaustralia.com.au and your concerns will be forwarded.

The final report will be submitted to DEEWR by the middle of December. Watch this space!

Resources

You can download from [the website](#) all of the articles from the special edition of Educational and Child Psychology on Psychological Wellbeing. Although this is a British Journal a significant number of articles are by Australian authors.

The South Australia Learner Wellbeing website has been updated. It contains many resources and good stories.

<http://www.schools.sa.gov.au/learnerwellbeing/pages/inquiry/inquiry2008/?reFlag=1>

Other news and information.

Liz James has retired from teaching and sadly left the advisory group. We wish her well.

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies Framework, an initiative designed to support buddy systems and create friendly and caring primary schools, is seeking applications from schools around Australia for one of the 150 sponsored positions. For details on the framework and to access an application form visit www.amf.org.au or phone (03) 9697 0666.

If you live in the New England area you may be interested in reading about the New England Sustainability Strategy on the [News page of the website](#). This incorporates a broad framework for wellbeing, including social, youth, global, Indigenous, cultural, environmental, government, and economic perspectives.

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Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to your own networks and other interested colleagues.

Feedback and contributions are always welcome.

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Thanks.