SBS launches cultural diversity study guides for school students

SBS has created new educational resources to help secondary students gain a greater understanding of inclusion and appreciation for diversity, through a series of videos, animations and classroom guides.

SBS’s Cultural Competence Program study guides were developed in partnership with the Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) association. The new resources have been released in response to teachers around the country seeking a more accessible way to explore cultural differences within the classroom.

More than 60 short films and animations alongside classroom activities will enable teachers to cover a range of topics with students, including cultural differences and similarities, unconscious bias, cross-cultural communication and Australian population statistics.

Leon Coningham, Head of Distribution, SBS said, “With more than a quarter (26%) of Australians born overseas, there has never been a better time to educate young people on the importance of understanding and appreciating other cultures. The Cultural Competence Program is just one of the ways that SBS aims to foster social cohesion, by celebrating our differences and embracing all our cultures.”

The study guides are tailored to students Years 7 to 10, and are aligned to the Australian Curriculum subjects including Civics and Citizenship, English, Health and Physical Education, Media Arts, and History.

Students are also encouraged to explore SBS’s Cultural Atlas, a website which provides detailed culture specific information about a large range of cultures. Information includes statistics, cultural values, family structures and etiquette. It aims to develop an understanding of how to better connect with people from different backgrounds, whilst celebrating our differences and shared similarities.

SBS’s Cultural Competence Program was created in partnership with Multicultural NSW and International Education Services. It provides a solid foundation in understanding what culture, diversity and inclusion mean to encourage a broader understanding among all Australians.

The new Cultural Diversity Study Guides will be available for free alongside a wide range of SBS-developed educational materials on SBS Learn - www.sbs.com.au/learn.

The films are available to stream from The Education Shop https://theeducationshop.com.au/


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