



### **Kelston Deaf Education Centre Abstract**

Kelston Deaf Education Centre (KDEC) recognises the importance of Well-being as a component of education of D/deaf and hearing impaired students. It takes a holistic view that access to education and school life involves spiritual, emotional, social and physical aspects for every learner. The students range in age from preschool to transition and represent a diversity of cultures, with varying social and family needs. By progressively adding trained professionals to the counselling service, KDEC is responding to the needs of students, individually and in groups both in urban and rural settings, positively impacting on student lives and academic outcomes. Currently three counsellors, each having a unique set of skills, knowledge and approaches, are employed by KDEC to deliver counselling support to D/deaf and hearing impaired students over a wide geographical area. Each will share the initiatives they have undertaken in their work to adapt to the challenge of diversity and change within KDEC's counselling service.