

Australian education exchange visit to Israel:

MALEH School Dropout Prevention Program

In 2012, **Just Learning** sent three Victorian educators to look at the MALEH School Dropout Prevention program in Israel:

- **Dennis Mitchell**, Principal of Mildura Primary School
- **Fiona Harley**, Deputy Executive Director of Mallee Family Care
- **Emmy Elbaum**, Just Learning Committee member and Special Education Consultant



Fiona and Dennis at Guatemala Primary School which caters for the most disadvantaged students in Kiriya Yovel



School Principal and Dennis at East Jerusalem Primary School for Arab Girls



Zahava (Principal), Galit (Maleh Area co-ordinator) and staff at Katzir Junior High



Dennis and students in MALEH room at Junior High School in Jerusalem



MALEH 'graduate'
"This is the first time anyone has ever asked me to do anything. It makes me feel proud"



Galia (MALEH Director) and team in MALEH room

Underlying principles:

1. Caring relationships
2. High expectations
3. Opportunities for active participation

The clear message from all the people involved in MALEH was that we never give up on any child/youth and we have to do whatever it takes to help him/her believe in themselves which is the catalyst for the learning process



The whole community supports the MALEH program at Arbu Sina Secondary School for Arab Students including the mayor and deputy mayor

