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Research Aim

- To identify current
 - Attitudes and beliefs about grammar
 - Knowledge about language
 - Pedagogical ability



Background

Historically grammar has been an area of contention.

"Grammar Wars"

- Development of Australian Curriculum
 - Greater focus on grammar



Significance

Research in other countries.

 Impact on the gap between intended and enacted curriculum.

Area of need for teachers.

School of Education



Conceptual Framework

Grammatics

Language as a system

Role of grammar



Proposed methods

- Mixed methodology
- Survey
 - Attitudes
 - Content knowledge
 - Pedagogy
- Interview
- Observations