

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND INDUSTRY BODIES

Professional associations are nonprofit organisations that seek to further a particular profession, provide professional standards and help their individual members advance their careers. Membership to professional associations can enhance your understanding of careers, increase your industry networks, offer certifications, education, advocacy and employment news and be a source for career development opportunities.

Consider searching for groups related to your learning or interest areas via LinkedIn Groups or using your favourite search engine or database.

Victorian Institute of Teaching

> vit.vic.edu.au

The Victorian Institute of Teaching is a statutory authority for the regulation of the teaching profession in Victoria established by the Victorian Institute of Teaching Act 2001. It registers teachers working in Victorian government and independent schools.

Australian Education Union (AEU)

> aeufederal.org.au

The AEU has a membership of over 185,000 educators who work in public schools, colleges, early childhood and vocational settings in all states and territories of Australia. Members include teachers and allied educational staff, principals and administrators mainly in government schools and TAFE institutions.

The AEU represents its members industrially and professionally in diverse forums.

Independent Educators Union of Australia (IEUA)

> ieu.org.au

With a current membership of 75,000, the IEUA is the federally registered industry union representing all employees working in non-government schools and institutions across Australia.

Early Childhood Australia

> earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au

Early Childhood Australia is the peak early childhood advocacy organisation, acting in the interests of young children, their families and those in the early childhood field. It is the peak national, non profit, non-government organisation.

Australian Teacher Education Association (ATEA)

> atea.edu.au

The ATEA is the major professional association for teacher educators in Australia.

The mission of the Australian Teacher Education Association is to promote:

- the pre-service and continue the education of teachers in all forms and contexts;
- teacher education as central in the educational enterprise of the nation, and
- research on teacher education as a core endeavour.

Council of Professional Teaching Associations of Victoria Inc (CPTAV)

> cpta.vic.edu.au

The CPTAV represents over forty member associations, with a collective membership of more than 30,000 Victorian teachers and other educators, in negotiations with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and the Department of Education and Training.

The Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership

> bastow.vic.edu.au

The Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership is a world-class learning centre where educational leaders can connect, converse and learn via resources, courses and programs.

Australia Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

> www.acara.edu.au

ACARA leads national collaboration to produce the Foundation to Year 12 Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum sets consistent high standards for what all young Australians should learn as they progress through schooling. Australian education ministers have endorsed the Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum.

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For a period of time, there will be two versions of the Australian Curriculum. This will allow teachers and schools to transition to the improved curriculum published on the Australian Curriculum website.

Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET)

> acpet.edu.au

ACPET is the national industry association for independent providers of post-compulsory education and training, for Australian and international students.

The Australian College of Educators (ACE)

> austcolled.com.au

ACE was founded to provide an independent voice for educators and advance the education profession. It is a forum for members to inform themselves; discuss and debate issues; and seek to find shared solutions to current educational questions.

Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)

> acer.org

ACER is one of the world's leading educational research centres. Our goal is to support every learner, learning professional, learning institution and our learning society through our work. A not-for-profit organisation, ACER has built a strong reputation as a provider of reliable support and expertise to education policy makers and professional practitioners since it was established in 1930.

Learning Difficulties Australia

> ldaustralia.org

Learning Difficulties Australia is an association of teachers and other professionals dedicated to assisting students with learning difficulties through effective teaching practices based on scientific research, both in the classroom and through individualised instruction.

Australian Institute of Training and Development (AITD)

> aitd.com.au

AITD is the association of choice for professionals in training, learning and development. Their mission is to be a leader in fostering excellence, innovation and professional integrity in training, learning and development for the workplace.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)

> aitsl.edu.au

The AITSL provides national leadership for the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments in promoting excellence in the profession of teaching and school leadership.

Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA)

> alea.edu.au

The ALEA provides high quality professional development for teachers and work with members to achieve the best possible literacy learning outcomes for all students. They also aim to provide a forum for open debate on language and literacy issues and to critique policy, program and pedagogical initiatives in Victoria.

Adult Learning Australia (ALA)

> ala.asn.au

ALA is the national peak body for Adult and Community Education. They are a not-for-profit entity with both organisational and individual members in all States and Territories who reflect the diversity of adult and community education. ALA advocates at the national level for greater attention to adult and community education both in policy and funding terms, and also conducts, and disseminates the results of research of relevance to practitioners, fosters innovative learning methodologies, develops and publishes adult learning resources.

Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA)

> <http://asta.edu.au/>

ASTA is a federation of eight State and Territory Science Teacher Associations (STAs), the national professional association for teachers of science, a powerful voice to influence policy and practice in science education, a body administered by a National Secretariat in Canberra and governed by a representative Federal Council.

Modern Language Teachers' Association of Victoria (MLTAV)

> mltav.asn.au

MLTAV is a professional association for Languages teachers, and is the umbrella organisation for approximately 22 Single Language Associations (SLAs)

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in Victoria. MLTAV supports teachers and learners of Languages other than English throughout Victoria by providing quality services, including Professional Learning opportunities, advocacy and consultancy. MLTAV aims to encourage and promote the learning of Languages as an essential part of the school curriculum.

Drama Australia - National Association for Drama Education

> dramaaustralia.org.au

Drama Australia is the peak national body representing drama teachers, academics, applied theatre workers and theatre in education practitioners at national arts and curriculum forums and in national and international peak associations.

Career Development Association of Australia

> cdaa.org.au

The Career Development Association of Australia is the largest organisation of career development practitioners in Australia. It is the only national, cross-sectoral career development association in the country. Its members provide a range of services for people who are seeking course and career information and advice, such as, entering or re-entering the workforce, changing careers, undertaking job search and preparation activities, wanting assistance to manage their work and life roles.

Australian Society for Music Education Inc. (ASME)

> asme.edu.au

The purpose of ASME is to encourage and advance music education at all levels as an integral part of general education and community life, and as a profession within the broad field of music.

Teach For Australia

> www.teachforaustralia.org

Teach For Australia is a not for profit organisation committed to closing the educational gap. Through an intensive training programme that leads to a post-graduate teaching qualification, Teach for Australia aims to fast-track high-calibre non-teaching graduates into disadvantaged schools where they teach for a minimum of two years, and have a life changing impact on their students.