



VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH

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Dear David,

In 2018, VATE shared a conversation with you about the proposed literacy test for VCE students. At this meeting, members of the VATE Council shared ideas, opinions regarding the benefits and limitations of a literacy test at VCE, and heard more from you about the proposal which at that stage had not been finalised. We also put out a survey to all our members and put together a report, a copy of which was sent to you.

VATE is very interested to continue to be part of the discussion, planning and implementation of the proposed VCE literacy test. We feel, as representatives of English teachers across the state, it is important we maintain an open dialogue with VCAA regarding this initiative. In addition, we believe it would be in the best interests of our members and our students that we understand the scope of the literacy test, and the timeline for its implementation. We would like the opportunity to become active in any proposed support for teachers tasked with preparing students for the test. We would also like to be involved in any intervention strategies which VCAA might propose for secondary school students.

We request this collaboration in the spirit of best practice for teachers and best outcomes for students.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Annelise Balsamo, on behalf of the VATE Council
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