

THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH

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Dear Member,

We are pleased to enclose two V.A.T.E. documents on the question of assessment in English. We believe that these will be useful to you when considering the current V.I.S.E. discussion paper, "Towards a revised policy on curriculum and assessment in the Victorian year 12 HSC program".

V.A.T.E. Council has spent a great deal of time considering the V.I.S.E. proposal and the enclosed Position Statement is the result of those discussions. You may wish to respond directly to V.A.T.E. about this, or perhaps use it in faculty discussions as a springboard for your department's own response to V.I.S.E.

The other enclosure is the book entitled "Assessment and Learning in English". This is V.A.T.E.'s second publication for 1984 and was conceived by Council during last year's discussion on compulsory English. It offers a range of views on the nature of appropriate assessment in the English curriculum.

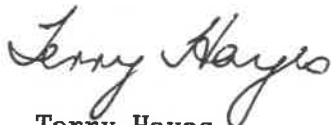
The book is free to all members but will cost non-members ~~\$5-50~~ plus 80 cents postage and packaging. Additional copies are available from the V.A.T.E. office and orders of 10 or more will be discounted to \$5-00 per copy, plus postage.

While the book is directly pertinent to the current H.S.C. English discussion, the issues it raises have broader implications and longer term significance than this discussion alone. We commend it to you and urge you to promote its use and purchase amongst non-members.

We would also remind you that final responses to the V.I.S.E. proposals are due at V.I.S.E. by 15th July, 1984 and hope that your discussions are productive.

On behalf of the V.A.T.E. Council I remain,

yours faithfully,



Terry Hayes  
PRESIDENT