

A woman with glasses, wearing a black sleeveless dress, stands in the center of a room, speaking to a group of people. The audience members are seen from behind, their heads and shoulders in the foreground, creating a sense of being part of the presentation. The room has a white wall and a computer monitor is visible in the background.

# 7000+ REASONS TO JOIN

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VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH

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VATE exists to support its members in the continual process of renewal necessary to engage with the dynamic nature of both the profession and subject English.

### **Have your voice heard**

VATE represents members on statewide and national education and curriculum panels and reference groups and seeks input from members to ensure that the voices of English teachers are heard. VATE plays a crucial role in advocating on behalf of its diverse membership.

### **Belong to AATE**

VATE members also belong to the Australian Association for the Teaching of English (AATE). The Australian Association for the Teaching of English (AATE) is a national professional association established and supported by state and territory English teaching associations. Together we provide a national voice with local impact, strengthen professional connections and collaborate to influence the teaching of English in Australia.

### **Free digital subscription to the VATE and AATE journals**

All members have digital access to three annual editions and past copies of the VATE journal, Idiom, and the AATE journal, English in Australia. (Print copies of English in Australia are also available as an additional cost to your annual membership fee.)

### **Professional Learning activities**

In an ever-changing educational landscape, attending a VATE Professional Learning event allows English educators a shared space to focus and reflect on their professional identity and practice, develop their pedagogical and disciplinary knowledge, and engage with questions and conversations within and beyond the classroom walls. Members leave with a strong sense of community and shared purpose, as well as strategies and ideas to inspire and rejuvenate their teaching. The VATE Professional Learning calendar includes: Meet the Assessors; VCE Englishes Days; Leadership Conference; Middle Years Conference; Mini-Methods; State Conference; Network meetings; Curriculum Forums; Community of Practice; full-day and after-school sessions.

### **Online resources**

Online access to a range of resources including presentations and suggested text lists.

### **Join online Networks**

Join one of VATE's vibrant and active member-driven online Networks. In 2020 these Networks include: VCE English; VCE EAL; VCE English Language; VCE Literature; Co-ordinators. Members from across the state regularly correspond with questions and discussion, share resources and ideas for assessment, lesson planning and text selection.

### **Join the Council and Committees**

Members are invited to join the VATE Council or one of the various VATE Committees and working parties. In 2020 these include: Curriculum Committee; Professional Learning and Research Committee; Publications and Communications Committee; State Conference Working Party.

### **Regular communication**

We keep members up-to-date with what's happening in the profession through regular member e-communication.

### **Consultancy**

VATE offers workshops and activities to cater for the specific needs of member schools.

### **Special offers and discounts from our Partners**

Includes: The Little Bookroom; Malthouse Theatre; Melbourne Theatre Company; Melbourne Writers Festival Schools' Program, and more.