

When you join VATE, you join a dynamic 7000+ strong community of English educators across the state. Through networks, professional learning, research, journals, and other resources, VATE strives to nurture a community committed to the advancement of the profession.

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 VATE and AATE journals

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

VATE podcasts: YA Book Stack and VATE Village

VATE's podcasts are a valuable source of teaching and learning material for members. Explore English teaching best practice and pedagogy with fellow educators through the VATE Village podcast. Listen to YA Book Stack for interviews with new and diverse YA authors.

Professional Learning

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. You will receive regular updates about VATE Professional Learning activities throughout the year.

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 2023 these Networks include: VCE English; VCE EAL; VCE English Language; VCE Literature; and Middle Years. Members from across the state regularly correspond with questions and discussion, share resources and ideas for assessment, lesson planning and text selection.

Join a Committee

Members are invited to join one of the various VATE committees and working parties. In 2023 these include the: Curriculum Committee; Professional Learning and Research Committee; Publications and Communications Committee; and, State Conference Planning Committee.

Regular communication

We keep members up-to-date with what's happening in the profession through regular member e-communication. VATE's eBulletin includes information about professional learning opportunities, programs and teaching resources, and news and offers from VATE Partner organisations.

Consultancy

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