

2026 MEMBERSHIP

9000+ reasons to join



When you join VATE, you join a dynamic 9000+ 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 AATE (Australian Association for the Teaching of English). AATE is a national professional association established and supported by state and territory English teaching associations.

Free digital subscription to VATE and AATE member journals

All members have digital access to two annual editions and past copies of the VATE journal, Idiom, and the AATE journal, Australian Journal of English Education.

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.

Join online Networks

Join VATE's vibrant and active member-driven online Networks, including: VCE English; VCE EAL; VCE English Language; VCE Literature; Middle Years, and Vocational Major – Literacy. Members regularly correspond with questions and discussion, share resources and ideas for assessment, lesson planning and text selection.

VATE podcast: YA Book Stack

Listen to YA Book Stack, hosted by Karys McEwen, for interviews with new and diverse YA authors, including ways of using these texts in the English classroom.

Research/ing English

VATE's focus on research supports members to actively engage in inquiry and dialogue related to issues of contention and contextual concern. The research program includes the Research Snapshot, Discussion Paper, Dialogue Seminar and Longview Essay.

Online resources

Online access to a range of resources including Middle Ground, research, suggested text lists, and VATE's You Can Teach That: Teaching First Nations Perspectives series.

Regular communication

VATE's regular emails keep all members up-to-date with what's happening in the profession, including information about professional learning, teaching resources, news from partner organisations.

Get involved

There are many ways to get involved with the work of VATE. Present at one of our conferences, contribute to Idiom, write a book review, join one of our Working Parties, apply for a scholarship, respond to our surveys, and contribute to research.



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