

UNDERSTANDING THE EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE

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Kate Chinner from the Teacher Learning Network helps you navigate the first few weeks

The Victorian Institute of Teaching

The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) is the regulatory body for the teaching profession in Victoria. Our purpose is to regulate for a highly qualified, proficient and reputable teaching profession by contributing to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

The VIT ensure all Victorian students have the best teachers by accrediting the quality of Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programs; monitoring the suitability of registered teachers; developing their practice through professional standards; and ensuring they comply with the Codes of Conduct and Ethics.

ITE Program Accreditation

VIT uses the Australian accreditation standards to accredit new and existing ITE programs that lead to teacher registration. We implement processes to assess and support compliance with [national standards](#); ensuring only the best pre-service teachers graduate.

Teacher Registration

All teachers practising in Victorian schools are required to be registered with VIT. Teachers who are new to the profession are [provisionally registered](#) for an initial two-year period, during which they develop their practice before making an application for (full) registration.

Professional Standards

To support provisionally registered teachers (PRTs), VIT delivers face-face and online [seminars](#) that assist with understanding the (full) registration process, including VIT's inquiry process and demonstrating the [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers](#) (APST) at the Proficient Teacher level. Our [Effective Mentoring Program](#) professionally develops mentors to support PRTs moving to (full) registration, including involvement on the workplace recommendation panel.

Conduct and Compliance

VIT monitors registered teachers to ensure they comply with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic)* (the Act) and the *Victorian Teaching Profession Codes of Conduct and Ethics* (the Codes) to achieve the learning environment and outcomes we want for Victorian students.