

Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee

Meeting 2: 27 September 2017

Communiqué

The second meeting of the Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee (VHEAC) was held in Melbourne on Wednesday, 27 September 2017. It was the first full meeting of the VHEAC with the recently nominated home education representatives. These seven representatives are listed on the Home Education Network website: <https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/vheac/>

Committee members continued to discuss a range of issues relating to the implementation and operation of the regulatory changes to home schooling. They also received an update from the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) on the related communications and recruitment processes that are underway.

Resources to support home education families

- Members received an update from the VRQA on the revised registration form, which was amended following feedback from the VHEAC.
- Members provided further feedback on the draft learning plan template, highlighting the need to ensure the template can accommodate different learning styles and approaches. A revised template will be circulated for approval at the next VHEAC meeting on 12 October 2017.
- Members discussed the initial draft of the revised Guide to Home Schooling in Victoria, providing detailed feedback. There was agreement that the Guide needs to be supportive in its tone and reflect the diverse range of settings in which home education occurs. The Guide will be revised in line with members' feedback and brought back for further discussion at the next VHEAC meeting.

Other business

Members discussed the need to clarify the requirements during the 28 day assessment period where a child is unable to attend school for a period of time due to illness, stress, bullying, or other difficulties. Due to time limitations, it was agreed this matter would be deferred for further discussion at the next VHEAC meeting.

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