

Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee

Meeting 4: 15 November 2017

Communiqué

The fourth meeting of the Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee (VHEAC) was held in Melbourne on Wednesday, 15 November 2017. Committee members discussed the work underway to finalise implementation arrangements ahead of the commencement of the regulatory changes to home education from 1 January 2018.

This was the last meeting of the VHEAC for 2017. Members noted the significant progress that had been made since the Committee's establishment, particularly in building a positive and collaborative relationship.

VRQA Roadshows

- Members received an update from the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and home education representatives on the VRQA Roadshows that have been held so far during October and November 2017. Members noted that the Roadshows have been well-received by the home education community.

Research into post-home education pathways

- VHEAC member Dr Glenda Jackson presented on her research into post-home education pathways. Members then discussed the need for improved data collection on home education more broadly, and agreed that the VHEAC would discuss opportunities for improved data sharing and analysis in 2018.

Resources to support home education families

- The VRQA provided an update on the revised registration form, which is close to being finalised. The VRQA also discussed its proposed internal review process.
- Members discussed the learning plan examples that have been prepared by the home education representatives in consultation with the VRQA. Once finalised, these will be published on the VRQA website to give parents a range of ideas as to how they might prepare a learning plan, having regard to their individual circumstances.

Other business

- Members agreed the VHEAC would meet quarterly in 2018, with further meetings to be scheduled if needed. The first meeting will be held in February 2018, with subsequent meetings expected to be held in April, July and November 2018.