

Research Priorities



SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

- Improving school retention in senior secondary years
- Improving training access and completion rates
- Supporting the development of high quality early childhood, school, training and advice services and learning environments
- Improving early childhood support for parents
- Enhancing inter-governmental relationships in the tertiary sector
- Improving regulation and enhancing quality in the training and TAFE sector
- Improving the link between pre-accredited training and further education within the tertiary sector
- Improving understanding of relationship of service expenditure and performance information



EMERGING INDUSTRY AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Improving alignment between qualifications attained, industry, workforce needs, and employment
- Positioning school aged learning to better meet the needs of future learners
- Measuring the success of initiatives to develop capabilities in targeted industries



SOCIAL INCLUSION AND WELLBEING

- Reducing the impact of disadvantage on education
- Improving educational outcomes for Koorie people
- Making early childhood services more accessible and inclusive
- Improving community pride and parental confidence in the Victorian education system
- Understanding the impact of health and wellbeing on learning outcomes



POLICY DEVELOPMENT, REFORM AND IMPLEMENTATION

- Developing and reforming funding approaches
- Creating reform to support the achievement of teaching excellence
- Assessing integrity policy and reform
- Improving approaches to policy development, reform and implementation
- Change management in the Department and in the federal system
- Understand best practice for corporate activities



OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND WORKFORCE COLLABORATION

- Building a high-performing educational workforce (across the system)
- Professional development of the education workforces (including, early childhood education and care, school, and vocational education and TAFE workforces)
- Managing education partnerships
- Improving corporate support for educational practitioners
- Improving efficiency in Departmental strategic resource management
- Analysing school decision making in resource allocation and prioritisation of expenditure



PEDAGOGY, PRACTICE AND OUTCOMES

- Increasing excellence in reading, mathematics, scientific literacy, the arts, critical thinking, and creative skills
- Increasing student participation in physical activity
- Increasing student resilience
- Improving student engagement
- Improving gains in foundation skills by adult learners
- Promoting the quality of trainers in the training and TAFE system
- Improving the professional practice of the vocational training workforce