

Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee

Meeting 5: 27 February 2018

Communiqué

The fifth meeting of the Victorian Home Education Advisory Committee (VHEAC) was held in Melbourne on Tuesday, 27 February 2018. Committee members welcomed the new permanent VHEAC Chair, Sharyn Donald, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Schools, Department of Education and Training (DET). The Committee was also introduced to the recently appointed Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Home Schooling Unit. Members received an update on the commencement of the regulatory changes to home education and discussed a range of implementation matters.

Communications

- DET provided an update on communications issued to school principals regarding the commencement of the new home schooling regulations and the availability of the updated home schooling resources and guidance materials.

Implementation

- The VRQA provided an update on the preliminary data on home schooling applications since the commencement of the Regulations in January 2018.
- Members discussed the arrangements for the inaugural registration review process, including the communications that will be provided to guide families through the process. The final arrangements for the reviews will be communicated on the VRQA website well ahead of their commencement.

Other business

- Members confirmed the dates for the remaining VHEAC meetings in 2018. VHEAC will next meet on 30 April 2018 with subsequent meetings to be held on 30 July 2018 and 8 November 2018. Members also discussed the forward VHEAC work plan for 2018 and how to best utilise the collective expertise of the Committee to progress a range of issues in addition to the implementation of the new Regulations.