

News for teachers from the QCT

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Benefits of Returning to Teaching

Are you a registered teacher with a [‘Returning to Teaching’ \(RTT\) condition](#) on your renewed full registration?

As an outcome of *renewal of registration* processes conducted since late 2010, registered teachers who had not taught in Queensland schools for at least one year in the five years before renewing now have this condition on their registration.

If currently teaching in Queensland schools, or on any future return to the classroom, teachers with the RTT condition must complete a [‘Returning to Teaching’ program](#). The aim is to ensure that all those actively teaching in Queensland schools are up-to-date with contemporary teaching practices, curriculum, policy and legislation. This is as important for supply teachers as it is for those in the classroom fulltime.

Currently QCT-approved programs are available from four different providers, including a teacher-employing authority, two universities and a private provider.

The programs are delivered in a variety of flexible modes, e.g. face-to-face and/or online learning.

While some teachers are sceptical about the program at first, the response among those who have completed a program has been generally positive, as illustrated by a recent [article](#) in Education Queensland’s [Education Views](#).

See the [QCT website](#) for further information.



CPD Resources for teachers

Did you know the QCT website has a number of resources to help teachers meet their Continuing Professional Development requirements?

See the [QCT website](#) for further information.



Leading Curriculum Change

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership recently launched a national professional learning program for teachers. The Leading Curriculum Change program will enhance teachers' knowledge, skills and confidence to effectively lead curriculum change, particularly local implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

It will be a unique opportunity to learn with teachers from across Australia in a national professional learning community.

Teachers will experience a high quality, evidence-based, interactive online professional learning program that is designed by experts for adult learners.

For more information and to express your interest in joining the program, see the [AITSL website](#).



QCT Research Digest

The aim of QCT's Research Digest series is to summarise key research findings on current topical issues in schooling, and draw out their implications for teachers. Look out for the next issue, coming soon, on teaching special needs students in 'mainstream' schools.

Previous issues of the Digest are available via the periodical publications page of the QCT website:

www.qct.edu.au/Publications/PeriodicalPub.html.



Inside Teaching

We regret to advise that due to financial constraints, *Inside Teaching*, the national journal of the Australasian Teacher Regulatory Authorities, has ceased publication. The June 2011 issue was the last. All issues of the magazine that were produced during its short lifetime

(2010- 2011) are still accessible via the periodical publications page of the QCT website: www.qct.edu.au/Publications/PeriodicalPub.html.



QCT Teaching Awards

The 2011 [QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards](#) will have three categories, with the introduction this year of *The Courier-Mail Professor Betty Watts OBE Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching*. The two categories from previous years will continue: the *Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award* and the *Dr Roger Hunter Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award* for teachers with up to four years' service.

Nominations closed mid-July and finalists will be made known in early October.

The winner in each category will be announced at a ceremony on [World Teachers' Day](#) (29 October 2011). Cash prizes will be awarded by sponsors, Queensland Teachers' Credit Union, Teachers' Union Health and The Courier-Mail. The three winners will receive \$5000 for professional development.



Update on pre-registration test for aspiring primary teachers

On Friday 15 July, the Minister announced that the Pre-registration Test for Aspiring Primary Teachers will commence in 2012.

[Read more](#) on the QCT website.



QCT now on YouTube and Twitter

The QCT has launched its own dedicated [YouTube channel](#) and [Twitter](#) page as contemporary means of communicating with the teaching profession.



YouTube users will be able to view video content provided by the QCT such as tips and hints for beginning teachers and professional development resources. QCT's YouTube channel link is www.youtube.com/qldcollegeofteachers.

Twitter is a microblogging service which the QCT will utilise to post on-the-spot communication. A 'tweet' of information is limited to 140 characters in length and messages convey the QCT's latest news.

Tweets are displayed on the [QCT's profile page](#) and on the home page of each of the followers. You can sign up and follow the QCT on Twitter for free by [creating your account](#). Learn more about Twitter [here](#). QCT's Twitter page link is <http://twitter.com/TheQCT>.



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When Will We Ever Learn? How do we equip our students to confront the challenges of the 21st century?

Join us for the second of our reader forums on Wednesday, August 31 at the State Library of Queensland. For more information please go to www.couriermail.com.au/sunshine

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