

2000s

TEACHER
REGISTRATION
1971 – 2021



Celebrating 50 years of a teacher registration authority in Queensland

Highlights

Whilst the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) was busy fulfilling its functions under the Act there was an appetite for harmonisation of registration across Australia.

Achievements of the QCT during the first years of its existence:

- Establishment of the Permission To Teach (PTT) scheme
- Five-yearly renewal of registration
- Compulsory criminal history checks for renewal of registration
- Approval of preservice teacher education programs
- Revised complaint procedures and investigative and disciplinary procedures
- Development of professional standards detailing the abilities, skills and knowledge expected of teachers and implemented through the approval processes for preservice teacher education programs and compliance with professional practice requirements
- Implementation of a framework for continuing professional development and supporting the implementation of returning to teaching professional learning programs.



Above: Inaugural Chair of QCT Board, Professor John Dewar and QCT Director, John Ryan.

The Education Highlights

Between 2007 and 2010, three major reviews were held that impacted on Initial Teacher Education programs (ITE) in Queensland.

The three reviews were:

- *A Shared Challenge: Improving Literacy, Numeracy and Science Learning* (Masters, G. 2009)
- *Review of Teacher Education and School Induction* (Caldwell, B. and Sutton, D. 2010)
- *Top of the Class: Report on the inquiry into teacher education.* (House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Vocational Training 2007).

The first and second reviews were state-level reviews whilst the final review was a national review.



The Influencers



BTR Director
Graeme Hall
2002 – 2004

Chair of the Board
Professor John Dewar
2006 – 2009

Chair of the Board
Dr John Dwyer
1996 – 2005

QCT Director
John Ryan
2006 – 2019

The Board Outcomes

The *Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005*, which replaces the *Education (Teacher Registration) Act 1988*, was drafted with the objective of strengthening teaching standards in Queensland by incorporating all of the 84 recommendations made in the 2004 Report, *Review of the Powers and Functions of the Board of Teacher Registration*.

Queensland has been a pioneer and leading innovator in the area of teacher registration both in Australia and internationally.

— 2004 Report of the Review of the Powers and Functions of the Board of Teacher Registration (p.19).

Increased powers to address teacher conduct are introduced under the new Act including periodic criminal history and police information checks.

Key Policy Changes

2000

Tasmania and Victoria legislate a mandatory teacher registration regime for the first time, about 25 years after Queensland. Parliaments in Western Australia, Northern Territory and New South Wales pass legislation in 2004. Teacher registration is still not required in the Australian Capital Territory.

2001

2002

A *Fresh Look* project summary published. An outcome of A *Fresh Look* was the publication of new *Professional Standards for Queensland Teachers*.

2003

2004

The Report of the McMeniman Review of the Powers and Functions of the BTR recommends the BTR be replaced by a new body with expanded powers and functions.

2005

92,376
Registered Teachers

In December, the *Education (QCT) Act 2005* is passed, ending the Board of Teacher Registration's 17-year existence.

2006

The Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) is established on January 1 under the *Education (QCT) Act 2005*, with strengthened teaching standards required including five-yearly renewal of registration and stronger investigation and complaint powers.



2007

The QCT's new set of *Professional Standards for Queensland Teachers* is launched.

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Vocational Training report is published.

2008

The QCT introduces an updated *Code of Ethics for Teachers in Queensland*.

The *Continuing Professional Development Framework* for teachers is finalised.

2009

The inaugural QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards is held.

Prof. Geoff Masters undertakes a State Government review which impacts on the context and content of initial teacher education in Queensland.

Other Education Developments



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Supporting partner

