

Finalists announced

The QCT is proud to honour some of our state's most outstanding and inspirational educators as finalists in this year's Excellence in Teaching Awards. Information on the finalists and awards can be found on our website: www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html. Education, Training and Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek will present the awards to recipients at a special World Teachers' Day celebration at Parliament House on October 31.



Celebrate World Teachers' Day on October 31

Introduced in 1994 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers and is held on the last Friday of October in Australia. Schools, parents, students and the community are encouraged to show their appreciation on the day for the contributions teachers make. The theme chosen by the QCT for World Teachers' Day this year is "Teachers Inspire". For more information on how to celebrate the day, or for [teacher appreciation certificates](#), see our colourful webpage: <http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd>.



State of the register

Here are the numbers of registered teachers in permanent teaching positions in various types of Queensland schools as at October 2014:

- Teaching in a State Primary School: **28,131**
- Teaching in a State Secondary School: **15,623**
- Teaching in a Non State Primary School: **10,260**
- Teaching in a Non State Secondary School: **10,594**
- Not currently teaching in a Queensland school: **34,065**

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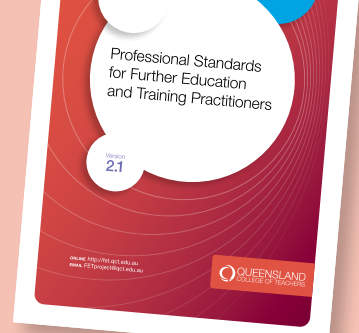


Free web conferences

The QCT is running web conferences during Term 4. There are programs for provisionally registered teachers and fully registered teachers. Attendance at a web conference contributes to professional development hours. Further details are available on the QCT website at www.qct.edu.au/Events/WebConference.html

Feedback sought on Professional Standards draft

The Professional Standards for Further Education and Training (FET) Practitioners draft has been completed and is being released for feedback at workshops across the state. Events have already been held in Rockhampton and Cairns, with further workshops taking place in Townsville, Hervey Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast, before a final version is developed. For further information on the workshops please check the FET website at: <http://fet.qct.edu.au>. Opportunities to discuss the standards will also be available via webinars and you can sign up to regular updates through our newsletters, or request an invitation to a workshop, at FETproject@qct.edu.au.



MESH Guides – a new resource for teachers

Every day, teachers and lecturers around the world make decisions about how to help learners learn. Emerging examples of **MESH Guides** show how, when fully developed, the guides will provide research-based advice to support educators' professional judgement. MESH is the Education Futures Collaboration (EFC) Mapping Educational Specialist knowHow initiative. [Sign up](#) to the newsletter to keep in touch.

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FutureSchools PD event

FutureSchools is a large Professional Development event specifically designed for P-12 schools taking place in Sydney in March 2015, and is organised by the same team that runs **EduTECH** in Brisbane each June. Bookings are already open and schools are invited to register staff. Around 1500 attendees across five separate conferences are expected to attend. There will be over 80 speakers featured and optional master classes will be running in parallel across 2-3 days. Please review the speakers and agendas at www.futureschools.com.au. For additional information and group bookings of more than 20, please phone (02) 8908 8555.

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