

VA Day One
TE Thursday 12 February

VATE invites VCE teachers to the 2026 English Language, Literature and New Teachers to English and EAL Day – a professional learning event focused on developing skills and knowledge in each of the VCE Englishes at Deakin University, Burwood campus.

This full-day program includes three engaging sessions, each exploring different aspects of the relevant Study Designs. Sessions will offer practical strategies, course-specific guidance, and opportunities for discussion and reflection. To best meet participants' needs, the event is organised into two main streams, with an additional new stream specifically for English and EAL teachers:

- **Experienced Teachers Stream**: For educators currently teaching VCE English Language or Literature who have experience with the Study Designs.
- **New Teachers Stream**: For educators who are new to teaching VCE English, English Language or Literature or those planning to teach these subjects during the year.
- New Teachers to VCE EAL Stream: For teachers new to VCE English as an Additional Language Units 1-4.

Day One delegates will select one stream and remain in it throughout the day to encourage focused learning and meaningful networking.

Overview of the program

9.00am - 9.30am: Arrival and registration for all delegates

9.30am - 2.30pm: All sessions (includes breaks for morning tea and lunch)

New teachers – English: Units 1 and 2 – Virginia Danahay, Mentone Girls Grammar School

New teachers - English: Units 3 and 4 - Caitlin Penrose, Montmorency Secondary College

New teachers - EAL: Units 1 to 4 - Maria Papasotiriou, Wellington Secondary College

New teachers – English Language: Units 1 and 2 – Rowena Morris, Kyabram P-12 College

 $\textbf{New teachers - English Language}: \textbf{Units 3} \ and \ 4 - \textbf{Louise Noonan}, \textbf{Camberwell Girls Grammar}$

Experienced teachers - English Language: Units 3 and 4 - Dani Cantor, Balwyn High School

New teachers - Literature: Units 1 and 2 - Lisa Vatta, Peninsula Grammar School

New teachers – Literature: Units 3 and 4 – Lee McQueen, Eltham High School

Experienced teachers - Literature: Units 3 and 4 - Tim Mannix, Billanook College

Registration cost

Individual \$320 | Organisational \$350 | Concession \$290 (inc.GST).

Prices are per staff member. If financial barriers impact your attendance, email <u>Kate Gillespie</u> to discuss options. To register for this event, you must be a 2026 VATE member. Renew your 2026 VATE membership <u>here.</u>

Registrations close Thursday 5 February 2026

Attending this event in full contributes 5 hours towards your VIT professional development hours.