

The Professional Teachers' Council, NSW exists to serve the needs of, and to represent its members, by providing:

- ▶ *a representative voice on educational issues;*
- ▶ *a forum for discussion of education issues;*
- ▶ *access to the processes of educational decision making;*
- ▶ *a means of linking and networking member associations for specific purposes;*
- ▶ *liaison with relevant groups on educational issues;*
- ▶ *cost effective administrative services and support in a convenient and recognisable location;*

while affirming the importance of the role and the specialised expertise of professional teachers' associations in education.

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The Professional Teachers' Council links and supports member associations, giving and gaining strength, through involvement and cooperative effort and diversity of individual contributions, to enhance the professionalism of teachers in developing and maintaining education and standards of excellence in New South Wales.

About PTC NSW

Professional Teachers' Council (PTC) NSW is an education support organisation and the lead organisation for professional teachers' associations in NSW with 45 member associations.

PTC is the umbrella body that provides support and member services to its member associations. It unifies teaching associations and brings together professional interests and education activities throughout NSW.

PTC represents teachers from all levels of education; including early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary and across systems including all Government, Catholic systemic and Independent schools and tertiary institutions.

It provides an independent and non-partisan forum for the discussion of education policy and has a commitment to the professional development of teachers and the enhancement of the professional status of teachers and education in NSW.

The PTC provides a strong corporate voice on educational issues through submissions to, and lobbying of, Governments and other authorities on agreed educational issues and concerns. It provides an independent, non-partisan forum for the discussion of education policy.

PTC plays an active co-ordinating role for professional teachers' associations in NSW by:

- ▶ Liaising on behalf of associations with the NSW Department of Education and Training, the NSW Board of Studies, NSW Institute of Teachers, tertiary institutions, State and Federal governments
- ▶ Maintaining an active and effective link with Professional Teaching Councils in other States and Territories through the Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations
- ▶ Co-ordinating activities and information within and across the Key Learning Areas
- ▶ Arranging forums on educational issues, networks, newsletters, professional development and mailouts
- ▶ Acting as a clearing house for policy documents and information from the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET), the NSW Board of Studies, NSW Minister for Education, Federal Minister for Education, Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and NSW Institute of Teachers

Why teachers and schools should join a professional teachers' association...

Professional teachers' associations work in partnership with the education systems in NSW in the provision of curriculum support and professional development for teachers.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- ▶ Aboriginal Studies Association (ASA) ▶ Art Education Society of NSW (AES) ▶ Asia Education Teachers' Association (Aust) Inc (associate member) ▶ Association for Studies of Religion (ASR) ▶ Association for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages NSW Inc. (ATESOL) ▶ Australian Council for Educational Leaders NSW (ACEL) ▶ Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (NSW) (ACHPER) ▶ Australian Guidance & Counselling Association NSW (AGCA) ▶ Australian Literacy Educators' Association NSW (associate member) ▶ Australian School Library Association (NSW) (ASLA) ▶ Australian Society for Music Education (Inc.) NSW Chapter (ASME) ▶ Careers Advisers Association of NSW Inc. (CAA) ▶ Classical Language Teachers Association (CLTA) ▶ Computing Studies Teachers' Association Inc. (CSTA) ▶ Dance Educators' Professional Association (DEPA) ▶ Drama NSW ▶ Early Childhood Education Council of NSW Inc. (ECEC) ▶ Economics and Business Educators NSW (EBE) ▶ Education of Deaf Students Association Inc. (EDSA) ▶ English Association Sydney Branch ▶ English Teachers' Association of NSW (ETA) ▶ Geography Teachers' Association NSW Inc. (GTA) ▶ Home Economics Institute of Australia (NSW Division) Inc. (HEIA) ▶ Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education (IIATE) ▶ K-6 Human Society and its Environment Teachers' Association (HSIETA) ▶ Legal Studies Association of NSW Inc. (LSA) ▶ Mathematical Association of NSW Inc. (MANSW) ▶ Marine Teachers' Association Inc. (MTA) ▶ Metropolitan East Social Studies Teachers' Association Inc. (MESSTA) ▶ Modern Language Teachers' Association NSW (MLTA) ▶ NSW Australian Teachers of Media Inc. (ATOM) ▶ NSW Association of Agriculture Teachers Inc. (AAT) ▶ NSW Computer Education Group Ltd. (NSWCEG) ▶ Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW (OSA) ▶ Personal Development, Health & Physical Education Teachers' Association (PDHPETA) ▶ Primary Executive Council of NSW (PEC) ▶ Primary English Teaching Association NSW (PETA) ▶ Professional Association for Learning Support Inc. (PALS) ▶ Professional Association of SRC Teacher/Advisers (PASTA) ▶ Science Teachers' Association of NSW Inc. (STANSW) ▶ School Administrative & Support Staff Professional Association (NSW) Inc. (SASSPA) ▶ Student Welfare and Personal Development Association of NSW (SWPDA) ▶ Society and Culture Association of NSW (SCA) ▶ Technology Educators' Association of NSW Inc. (TEA) ▶ Technology in Primary Schools NSW Interest Group (TiPS)

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