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VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION NSW

VADEA is a not-for-profit educational association, with members from primary, secondary, and tertiary teaching contexts and institutions, including museum and gallery educators, pre service teachers, and visual arts agencies. Established in 2009, the Visual Arts and Design Educators Association (VADEA NSW) is now the largest Visual Arts educators association in Australia, while also being a small organisation within the framework of professional educational bodies. The VADEA Executive coordinates professional learning programs and advocates on behalf of Visual Arts and Design educators on state and national curriculum issues.

In 2021, VADEA initiated and built upon a range of significant professional learning programs, membership advocacy and services, and contributed to the curriculum review process through detailed responses throughout the year, thus supporting NSW Visual Arts teachers and students.

The past 12 months have been an exciting and reinvigorating time of change for VADEA and the organisation has flourished during a time of global and educational uncertainty. This is due, in no small part, to the strong foundational base of excellence and professionalism over many years that inspired the current leadership group to explore innovative new technologies and partnerships, in order to ensure our members are connected and engaged in a professional and collegial community, through the educational challenges during COVID 19. VADEA has engaged in new and diverse activities, and as part of a shared leadership model, the organisation's executive members have achieved outstanding results this year.

The VADEA Executive, as a collaborative volunteer framework, are immensely proud of the relationships that have been developed and built over many years with members and the wider Visual Arts community. It is the commitment to these ongoing relationships and a shared pursuit of quality educational outcomes for all Visual Arts students and educators that drives the vision of the organisation. Our interactions are collegial, collaborative, productive and respectful.

We foster engagement with many outside organisations and sectors, as part of a community of educational practitioners, also engaging with emerging and established Australian and International artists to promote the innovation of visual arts professional practice.

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