



PORTFOLIO REPORTS - STATE COUNCIL

TEACHER TRAINING REPORT

Jasmine Carmody – Portfolio Holder, March 2024

One motion was presented at the 2023 State Conference.

S4 Goldfields Eyre Branch

“That ICPA (WA) approach universities who offer the Bachelor of Education to investigate whether preservice/student teachers’ time spent as home tutors on stations could count towards their practical placements as part of their degree.”

In action to this motion, letters were sent to the Deans of Curtin University, Edith Cowan University (ECU), Murdoch University, Notre Dame University (UNDA) and the University of Western Australia (UWA) asking them to investigate whether they could incorporate a model such as at Charles Darwin University where preservice/student teachers’ time spent as home tutors on stations could count towards their practical placements as part of their degree. Ms. Lisa Rodgers Director General, Department of Education and Hon. Dr Tony Buti were cc’d on these emails. I included a copy of the brochure from Charles Darwin University (CDU) about their education opportunities for home tutors so that they had a model to look at for reference.

Notre Dame University replied with; *“Thank you very much for sharing this. These are exciting developments, and we at Notre Dame would be keen to continue the conversation. There are quite tight rules from the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) around what kinds of experiences can ‘count’ as placement days, which can make it challenging to take up opportunities like this, but at UNDA we include a large number of additional placement days in our program design than the minimum required by AITSL, so that does give us some additional flexibility.*

We are in the process right now of developing new national Initial Teacher Education programs that will be offered in 2024 from both our Sydney and Fremantle campuses and will watch with interest the development of the new CDU qualifications and the links with ICPA (WA) and beginning teachers working as home tutors”.

UWA responded stating that they do not offer an undergraduate teacher education course.

Murdoch replied with; *“Thank you for reaching out to us about this important innovation. Due to our present commitment to other innovations in the area of professional experience for preservice teachers, we are unable to take up this opportunity at this time. However, we would be pleased to review this opportunity 2024/2025. We wish you every success and thank you again”.*

ECU email could not be delivered and Curtin University unfortunately did not respond.

At the 2023 Federal Conference in Darwin, a pre-conference meeting/information session between ICPA and Charles Darwin University discussed the processes that they collectively undertook to implement training pathways for home tutors through CDU. Unfortunately, WA State Representatives were unavailable to attend the session. ICPA NT has provided us with the pamphlets that were available and spoken about at this session.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME TUTORS



ICPA NT IS WORKING WITH CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY TO CREATE TRAINING PATHWAYS FOR HOME TUTORS

QUALIFICATION

Certificate III in School Based Education Support.

15 units - 10 core and 5 elective units.

Cert IV in School Based Education Support.

17 units - 13 core and 4 elective units.

Once completed equates to 40 credit points towards an education degree.

Diploma of Educational Studies

Once completed equates to the first year off an education degree.

LEARNING

- Learning is online and self-paced.
- Weekly 1-hour online training sessions via TEAMS with CDU lecturer.
- Online lessons to commence Mon 17 October 2022.
- Face to face training sessions in Alice Springs and Katherine during In-School.

FOR MORE INFO & TO ENROL

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CAREER IN EDUCATION

Make your 'gap year' in the bush count towards your future.



RECOGNITION

Due to the nature of the role home tutors play in our classrooms, you may be eligible for recognition of prior learning for some of the course units as well as reduced classroom time.



FEE EXEMPTION

- Current enrollments free, to be reviewed in Dec 2023.
- RPL admin fee waived for 2022.
- Must be an Australian Citizen and NT Resident

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Goldfields Eyre Branch has been sent an updated letter explaining the actions and responses around this motion.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Media Statement

On 30th November 2023 Minister for Education Hon. Dr Tony Buti, for the Cook Government announced the first instalment of initiatives to reduce red tape, ease workloads and bring about changes in schools to free teachers up to teach.



The first stages will include:

- Testing of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to reduce teacher workloads and improve learning
- Pilot range of digital solutions to lessen paperwork and administration
- \$2.26 million trial of 16 school-based Complex Behaviour Support Coordinators to help teachers support public school students with disabilities
- Expansion of 'Connect and Respect' program to limit after-hours contact with public school staff

These decisions are based on a review into red tape that was conducted earlier in the year and have considered the findings of two reports and early research into the effective use of AI tools.

Recommendations from the Department of Education's 'Understanding and Reducing the Workload of Teachers and Leaders in Western Australian Public Schools' review and the State School Teachers' Union's 'Facing the Facts' report have informed some of the initiatives. Both of these reports identify the increasing complexities of teaching and the major drivers of workloads for staff, school leaders and schools.

The Cook Government is considering the use of AI already trialled by other Australian states to modernise and make more efficient professional learning, lesson planning, marking and development of assessments. It can also be used to reduce teacher workload by simplifying and automating jobs such as excursion planning, meeting preparation and writing general correspondence.

The Department will work with the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and the independent and catholic sectors to explore how AI can be applied to streamline curriculum planning and improve classroom teaching. This includes creating out-of-office templates which will set limits on when it is acceptable to contact staff after hours.

The aim is to reduce misunderstandings and conflict and allow teaching staff to enjoy a better work-life balance.

Media Statement

On 15th January 2024 Minister for Education, Hon. Dr Tony Buti, for the Cook Government, announced 103 highly experienced educators from around the world have put their hands up to teach in Western Australian public schools following a successful international recruitment campaign by the Cook Labor Government.

The program targets high-quality teachers from the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada.

Sixty of those teachers kicked off a week-long induction ahead of the new school year, where they will have the chance to connect with other educators. The practical induction included specialised learning modules on teaching in WA, cultural responsiveness and classroom management.

The Department is recruiting international teachers through a rigorous selection process and only when there is no teacher in Australia available to fill the role.

A majority of the teachers have been appointed to regional and remote schools where they will bring their diverse and experienced teaching knowledge to the classroom, while also having the chance to explore unique parts of WA.

This continues the Cook Government's ongoing commitment to regional education following the success of the Regional Attraction and Retention Incentive package and a significant number of major school redevelopment projects.