



**Teachers  
Registration Board**  
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



# Registration Buzz

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Registration Buzz - April 2022

## From the Registrar

Welcome to the first edition of Registration Buzz for 2022.

This time of year sees the end of the very busy registration period for all teachers and our Board staff with the annual registration renewal period that opened in October (for teachers whose registration was due to expire) coming to a close.

As we move towards June and July, these are also busy months at the Board as we tackle the end of one financial year and the beginning of a new one. July 1<sup>st</sup> will also mark one year since the introduction of a raft of changes to the *Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004*, which provides the framework for teacher registration.

Some of the key changes that came into effect on July 1, 2021, included a five-year registration term to replace the previous three-year terms (with teachers offered a choice of paying all fees upfront or annually), a restructured Board and strengthened child safety measures. The changes also allowed for the development of a Code(s) of Conduct for the teaching profession outlining the professional and personal behaviour and professional competence expected of teachers and Special Authority to Teach holders, being unregistered persons permitted to teach (of which there are approximately 200).

In 2021 we also conducted training sessions for all three employer groups regarding new notification requirements for professional competence which aligned with the new conditions that appear on all five-year term teacher registration certificates.

The changes implemented in the last 12 months and the new Code of Conduct will help the Board protect the integrity of the teaching professions and will continue to give parents peace of mind in knowing their children are in the care of rigorously assessed, competent and enthusiastic teachers.

As we look towards the second half of 2022, there is still much work to be done. We will continue to review and refine

our legislation processes and look to create a draft Code of Conduct that can be provided for further community consultation and feedback.

We look forward to working with you all throughout 2022.

## Code of Conduct

In the education sector the consensus is that the professionalism of teachers and staff is of the highest importance. Professional Codes of Conduct in the education sector consequently represent a keystone of quality teaching and excellence.

Much work has been done since July 1 to ensure that all of the key changes to the *Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004* are being implemented, including a Code of Conduct 'round-table' event that was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 with representatives from across the education sector.

Staff from the Board welcomed representatives from early childhood, primary and secondary teachers, as well as employer groups, parents, unions, and representatives from other organisations to the Adelaide Pavilion to launch our Code of Conduct consultation. This consultation process will work towards developing a Code of Conduct that will provide teachers in all South Australian schools, preschools, and long day care centres an aspirational resource to guide their conduct as part of one of the most important professions in our community. This event provided an opportunity for discussion about what a Code of Conduct for the teaching profession should seek to achieve, and also provided a chance for suggestions and workshopping of concepts and ideas.

There will be multiple opportunities to be involved with further rounds of consultation. If you would like to be involved, you can add your name to our email group by contacting [consultation@trb.sa.edu.au](mailto:consultation@trb.sa.edu.au).



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## RSPCA Online Resources – Teacher and Kids Portal

Did you know that the RSPCA South Australia has a fantastic series of free resources for both teachers and kids aimed at educating young people about animal welfare?

RSPCA AWARE (Animal Wellbeing: Awareness, Responsibility and Education) provides resources for educators, students and parents. These resources help young people develop knowledge, skills and understandings around improving the welfare of all animals, be they companions, farmed or wild animals.

The **Teacher Portal** (requires registration) provides a diverse collection of Australian curriculum-aligned resources with units and lesson plans presented in year levels to support educators and learners.

**Kids Portal** (no registration required) provides resources that focus on animal welfare for kids, animal welfare and ways to get involved.

You can also see a full range of other resources and topics available on the RSPCA Website [RSPCA Australia](http://RSPCA Australia) | For all creatures great & small



## Teach Podcast

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts?

The Teach podcast is a South Australian podcast about teaching and learning. This series is an open discussion about life as an educator and the best educational approaches to drive quality learning. You'll hear from expert teachers and

## Online Professional Learning

If you are looking to get some professional learning hours under your belt, don't forget we have links to plenty of online suggestions on our website.

[Click here to see them.](#)



## Student Wellbeing Hub



The Student Wellbeing Hub has been developed by Education Services Australia for the Australian Government Department of Education. The Student Wellbeing Hub works with experts, academics, teachers and leaders, professional associations and industry providers to support the education community in Australia.

The Hub is the home of the [Australian Student Wellbeing Framework](#), which is based on evidence of the clear links between safety, wellbeing and learning. It is a space for educators, parents and students to build safe, inclusive and

connected school communities that promote wellbeing and learning.

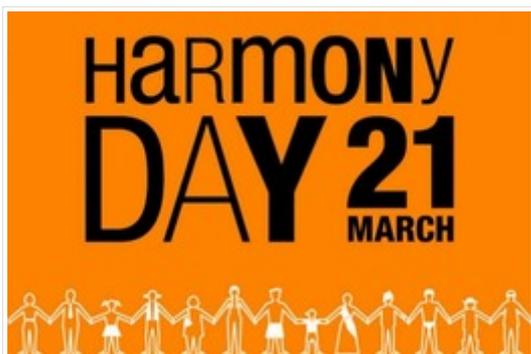
Check out what's available on the Hub at [Student Wellbeing Hub | Home](#)

## Harmony Day

The 21st of March was Harmony Day, a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. This year's themes was, 'Everybody Belongs'.

Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Since 1999, more than 70,000 Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia and the TRB is one of them. Our staff wore orange and shared a morning tea to celebrate the day.

You can find some great classroom resources for use throughout the year at: <https://www.twinkl.com.au/event/harmony-day-2022>



## HALT Summit 2022 - 13 to 14 May, Hilton Hotel Adelaide



The Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Summit is a free event for nationally certified teachers from across Australia. The Summit provides an opportunity for HALTs to work with leading thinkers to develop skills that equip them to lead and inspire colleagues and collaborate with other Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers.

You can register to join us in Adelaide or attend the Summit virtually. Virtual attendees will still be able to participate in the

main Summit sessions, such as the keynotes, workshops and sharespaces.

Visit the [website](#) or [click here](#) to register.

## Professional Development

Teacher Twilight PD | Unlocking Mysteries of History for teachers and educators, years F to 10.

Discover how students can develop their historical inquiry skills and broaden their understanding of concepts to think and process like an historian.

Join the Education Teams during South Australia's History Festival to explore objects, resources and programs that can support teachers and students to unlock some of the mysteries of history.

Certificates of attendance addressing the AITSL Standards are available for participants.

Date 18 May 2022

Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Book now via the link below. Registrations close at midnight, 16 May. <https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/programs/teacher-twilight-pd-unlocking-mysteries-of-history#eventbrite>

This event is facilitated by the Education Teams at the State Library of South Australia (SLSA) and the History Trust of South Australia (HTSA).

