Proficient teachers

Professional Knowledge

Standard 1 - Know students and how they learn

Focus areas

1.1 Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students
Use teaching strategies based on knowledge of students’ physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics to improve student learning.

1.2 Understand how students learn
Structure teaching programs using research and collegial advice about how students learn.

1.3 Students with diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds
Design and implement teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds.

1.4 Strategies for teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
Design and implement effective teaching strategies that are responsive to the local community and cultural setting, linguistic background and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

1.5 Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities
Develop teaching activities that incorporate differentiated strategies to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.

1.6 Strategies to support full participation of students with disability
Design and implement teaching activities that support the participation and learning of students with disability and address relevant policy and legislative requirements.
## Standard 2 - Know the content and how to teach it

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<th>2.1 Content and teaching strategies of the teaching area</th>
<th>2.2 Content selection and organisation</th>
<th>2.3 Curriculum, assessment and reporting</th>
<th>2.4 Understand and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians</th>
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<td>Apply knowledge of the content and teaching strategies of the teaching area to develop engaging teaching activities.</td>
<td>Organise content into coherent, well-sequenced learning and teaching programs.</td>
<td>Design and implement learning and teaching programs using knowledge of curriculum, assessment and reporting requirements.</td>
<td>Provide opportunities for students to develop understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages.</td>
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<th>2.5 Literacy and numeracy strategies</th>
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<td>Apply knowledge and understanding of effective teaching strategies to support students’ literacy and numeracy achievement.</td>
<td>Use effective teaching strategies to integrate ICT into learning and teaching programs to make selected content relevant and meaningful.</td>
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Professional Practice

Standard 3 - Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning

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3.1 Establish challenging learning goals
Set explicit, challenging and achievable learning goals for all students.

3.2 Plan, structure and sequence learning programs
Plan and implement well-structured learning and teaching programs or lesson sequences that engage students and promote learning.

3.3 Use teaching strategies
Select and use relevant teaching strategies to develop knowledge, skills, problem solving and critical and creative thinking.

3.4 Select and use resources
Select and/or create and use a range of resources, including ICT, to engage students in their learning.

3.5 Use effective classroom communication
Use effective verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to support student understanding, participation, engagement and achievement.

3.6 Evaluate and improve teaching programs
Evaluate personal teaching and learning programs using evidence, including feedback from students and student assessment data, to inform planning.

3.7 Engage parents/carers in the educative process
Plan for appropriate and contextually relevant opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in their children’s learning.
### Standard 4 - Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments

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<td>4.1 Support student participation</td>
<td>Establish and implement inclusive and positive interactions to engage and support all students in classroom activities.</td>
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<td>4.2 Manage classroom activities</td>
<td>Establish and maintain orderly and workable routines to create an environment where student time is spent on learning tasks.</td>
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<td>4.3 Manage challenging behaviour</td>
<td>Manage challenging behaviour by establishing and negotiating clear expectations with students and address discipline issues promptly, fairly and respectfully.</td>
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<td>4.4 Maintain student safety</td>
<td>Ensure students’ wellbeing and safety within school by implementing school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements.</td>
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#### 4.5 Use ICT safely, responsibly and ethically

Incorporate strategies to promote the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.
Standard 5 - Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning

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5.1 Assess student learning
Develop, select and use informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative assessment strategies to assess student learning.

5.2 Provide feedback to students on their learning
Provide timely, effective and appropriate feedback to students about their achievement relative to their learning goals.

5.3 Make consistent and comparable judgements
Understand and participate in assessment moderation activities to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning.

5.4 Interpret student data
Use student assessment data to analyse and evaluate student understanding of subject/content, identifying interventions and modifying teaching practice.

5.5 Report on student achievement
Report clearly, accurately and respectfully to students and parents/carers about student achievement, making use of accurate and reliable records.
Professional Engagement

**Standard 6 - Engage in professional learning**

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<th>6.4 Apply professional learning and improve student learning</th>
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<td>Use the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and advice from colleagues to identify and plan professional learning needs.</td>
<td>Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice, targeted to professional needs and school and/or system priorities.</td>
<td>Contribute to collegial discussions and apply constructive feedback from colleagues to improve professional knowledge and practice.</td>
<td>Undertake professional learning programs designed to address identified student learning needs.</td>
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# Standard 7 - Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community

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<td>Meet codes of ethics and conduct established by regulatory authorities, systems and schools.</td>
<td>Understand the implications of and comply with relevant legislative, administrative, organisational and professional requirements, policies and processes.</td>
<td>Establish and maintain respectful collaborative relationships with parents/carers regarding their children’s learning and wellbeing.</td>
<td>Participate in professional and community networks and forums to broaden knowledge and improve practice.</td>
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