

VIT Video

MEET THE VIT COUNCIL: ANGELA STRINGER

So I'm a teacher, I've been teaching in primary schools for about 30 years, a bit over 30 years. Most of which I've taught in regional Victoria in the La Trobe valley. I started in the La Trobe valley as a district relieving teacher, which meant that I taught in all sorts of school circumstances; at small schools, being Principals of small schools, as well as teaching at larger primary schools, and every subject and every grade level. Currently I'm teaching in Traralgon and the school I'm at I've been at for 23 years, so that's a fair while.

I think it's really important that the VIT council is made up of teachers and educational professionals, but particularly that they've got people that are practicing teachers because we understand teachers and the role of teachers.

The regulation of teachers in Victoria is really important. We need to make sure the best teachers are in front of our students and we need to make sure that they are upholding the values and the ideals that we expect and that the community expects of teachers.

The VIT council has a diverse range of people from different educational areas and backgrounds and we work really hard together and try and make sure we do the right thing for both teachers and our students.

I was really excited to have the opportunity to be part of a team that works so hard to work on the regulation of teachers in Victoria and when I had that opportunity it was fantastic to be able to take it up.

I'm really passionate about being a teacher and I've always been really passionate about being a teacher. Teaching is not just a job to me, teaching is something that you have a vocation to do, and it's the most important vocation in the world, in my opinion. We can mould the lives of children and we do mould the lives of children. We have such a major impact on students within our care and it's really important that we have the best teachers there to do that.

I love being a teacher and have always wanted to be a teacher.

What's the most important thing you can do in our lives and it is to make sure we teach the children, that they've got the social and emotional backing we can give them, as well as the academics that we can provide for them.