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| **Link to our latest education resources, professional learning opportunities and more** |

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| **New awards recognise outstanding Year 12 achievers** |
| http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/images/newsletters/gm_150202_QCE_awards.jpgIt is anticipated that the QCE Achievement Awards will becomea prestigious annual event on Queensland’s education calendar with further award categories introduced over coming years    | The inaugural [Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/qce-awards.html) ceremony will be held at the State Library of Queensland on Saturday 21 February when more than 30 recent Year 12 graduates will be recognised and rewarded for their outstanding academic achievement.The awards program complements the annual school-by-school Year 12 outcomes report by publicly recognising individual students who have maximised the learning opportunities open to them through the flexibility of the QCE. |

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| **Prepare for 2015 NAPLAN tests** |
| The first [NAPLAN newsletter](https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/8334.html) of the year includes information about changes to the Writing Task prompt, advice on using the NAPLAN portal to register student details, and links to the 2015 School task timeline and professional development workshops. |

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| **Join the NAPLAN marking team** |
| http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/images/newsletters/gm_150202_NAPLAN-markers.jpgThe closing date for NAPLAN marker applications is 31 March | The best way for a school to boost its NAPLAN expertise is by having at least one of its teachers take part in marking the Writing Task. By [joining the marking team](https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/6173.html) you can:* gain unique insights into how students respond to an ‘on demand’ writing task
* view student work from across Queensland
* recognise how different teaching approaches can be effective
* network with colleagues from many schools and backgrounds.
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| **Numeracy workshops offered statewide** |
| http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/images/newsletters/gm_150202_Numeracy-workshops.jpgNumeracy workshops will refer to Australian Curriculum: Mathematics and NAPLAN items, and address conceptual understandings  | Informed by analysis of NAPLAN data trends, the QCAA is offering [hands-on workshops](https://events.qcaa.qld.edu.au/Catalogue.aspx?yl=2) to assist and support schools in the following areas of numeracy: * subtraction in Years 2 and 3
* fractions and decimals in Years 4–6
* operating with fractions in junior secondary
* proportional reasoning in Years 6 and 7.
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| Teachers will be provided with a toolkit of strategies, activities and digital technologies that can be used immediately in the classroom. |

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| **Free advice for primary schools implementing Geography** |
| http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/images/newsletters/gm_150202_P-6-geography.jpgQCAA resources assist teachers to plan, teach and assess usingthe Australian Curriculum: Geography  | Primary teachers implementing the Australian Curriculum: Geography in Prep–Year 6 can benefit from participating in [two free twilight workshops](https://events.qcaa.qld.edu.au/Event.aspx?e=672&r=310) that will provide strategies for: * assessing knowledge, understanding and skills
* developing task-specific standards for making judgments about student work
* using QCAA sample assessments in different classroom contexts.
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| The workshops will be held at the QCAA office in South Brisbane on Thursday 5 March and Tuesday 10 March. |

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| **Senior subject workshops focus on assessment** |
| During March and April, the QCAA is offering assessment workshops for the following senior subjects:* Agricultural Science
* Music
* Study of Religion
* Technology Studies.

Please visit our [website to register](https://events.qcaa.qld.edu.au/Catalogue.aspx?yl=3) . |

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| **2014 state review panel reports now online** |
| http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/images/newsletters/gm_150202_state-review.jpgMembers of the State Review Panel for Mathematics C during  comparability in November 2014  | State review panel reports for senior Authority subjects in general implementation in 2014 are available on [the QCAA website](https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/2135.html) . The reports outline: * the implementation status of the syllabus
* the assessment requirements and features of the syllabus
* the application of achievement standards
* resources available to support implementation of the syllabus.
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| Teachers and discipline experts are encouraged to reflect on the information in these reports to ensure teaching and learning and school assessment practices remain consistent with Queensland’s current processes of assessment. |

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| **Meeting the new Standards for school RTOs** |
| http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/images/newsletters/141105_RTO_standards.jpgWorkshop participants will develop knowledge andunderstanding of the new Standards for RTOs | New regulatory Standards for registered training organisations (RTOs) came into effect on 1 January 2015. Transition arrangements allow existing RTOs until 1 April 2015 to demonstrate compliance with the new Standards.To support schools in the transition, the QCAA is holding [workshops this term](https://events.qcaa.qld.edu.au/Catalogue.aspx?yl=5) with essential information for RTO managers. |

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