



GRADUATE TEACHER CONFERENCES

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The Graduate Teacher Conferences are an important part of your first year journey into the profession. The conferences are scheduled in Term 3. They will help you connect with other graduates, bring together what you are learning in your first year and enjoy the beginning of a long career filled with professional learning opportunities. The program will give you practical strategies for building reliable professional knowledge, forming strong professional ethics, and cultivating professional resilience and wellbeing. The Graduate Teacher Conference is an opportunity for you to join others in learning from experienced practitioners while establishing your networks with other new practitioners.

Graduate teachers who attended the conferences in 2018 overwhelmingly said that the conference helped them to gain insights into their professional practice. *“I’m the only graduate in my small rural school and all the other staff are very experienced. I’ve reconnected with two colleagues from University and sat next to another Foundation teacher on my table. She and I intend to keep in contact and support each other. I feel less isolated now.”* 2018 Graduate Teacher, Shepparton

At this time, we encourage you to talk to your school principal, mentor teacher or professional learning coordinator about attending the Graduate Teacher Conference. Registration details will be found at the beginning of Term 2 at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/profdev/Pages/induction.aspx>.