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a global perspective











Purpose of the project/resource package

'Developing Strategies at the Pre-service Level to Address Critical Teacher Attraction and Retention Issues in Australian Rural, Regional and Remote Schools'

Advocates 'context'

- out of 'comfort zone'
- flexible teachers
- understanding
- attributes of the modern teacher

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-Melbourne Declaration

- •Goal 1: Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence
- •Goal 2: All young Australians become:
- -Successful learners
- -Confident and creative individuals
- -Active and informed citizens



-The National Professional Standards for Teachers



TERRR Network Training Framework

Training Framework



Quality Teaching TERRR

- in demanding locations
- attracted to apply
- improve quality of graduates

Teacher Guide	Standard	Focus Area	Descriptor
1	1.0 Know students and how they learn.	Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students.	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students and how these may affect learning.
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3	Now students and how they learn,	 Students with diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds. 	Demonstrate knowledge of teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds.
4	 1.0 Know students and how they learn. 	Strategies for teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of the impact of culture, cultural identity and linguistic background on the education of students from Aboriginal and Tornes Strait Islander backgrounds.
5	6.0 Engage in Professional learning.	 6.1 Identifying and planning professional learning needs. 	Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the National Professional Standards for Teachers in identifying professional learning needs.
6	 Engaging Professionally with Colleagues, Parents/Carers and the Community. 	7.3 Engaging with Parents/Carers.	Understand strategies for working effectively, sensitively and confidentially with parents/carers.
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'Diverse contexts'

geographic remoteness - Canada(TERRR Network)

graduate teachers are equipped to be community ready, school ready and classroom ready (White, 2010)

place & school environment

Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) definition of remote:

- It is designed to be an unambiguously geographical approach to defining remoteness
- Excluding socio-economic, urban/rural and population size factors

accessibility to services (goods, services and opportunities for social interaction)

My storyline

Remoteness

















My background

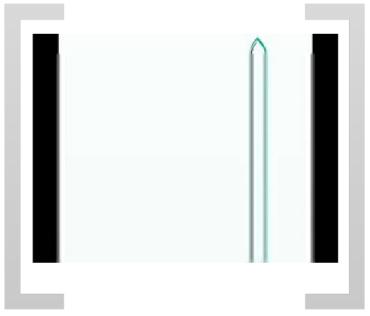












Teacher Guide 1: Understanding the impact of remoteness on student learning

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- compound
- 2500
- 25% pop Qataris
- · over 30 nationalities
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Teacher Guide 2: Learning in the remote context

- · cocktail of teaching styles
- diverse expectations from parents
- National Curriculum of England & Wales (facilitates)
- -May 2008 EYFS (birth-5)
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Foundation Stage & KS1

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Teacher Guide 3: Teaching Students from diverse backgrounds in the remote context



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Cultural celebrations

- · house system
- assembly
- induction of new students
- class allocation
- · TA class allocation



Communication with parents was vital

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WALK AROUND THE SCHOOL PATHWAYS



TAKE CARE OF SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT



TREAT OTHERS KINDLY



ALWAYS GIVE YOUR BEST EFFORT



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Teacher Guide 4: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

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Teacher Guide 5: Engage in professional learning in the remote context

National Professional Standards for Teachers would have been a "valuable reference/starting point for teachers to develop their professional skills and knowledge as an effective and quality teacher" (TERRR Network, 2012e, p. 1).

create a learning atmosphere

- no fear
- willing to try new things
- quality teaching & learning look like in practice
- in house

Teacher Guide 6: Engaging professionally in the remote context

 my role - any communication between a staff member and parent/carer was to be through me

- phone calls
- meetings
- interview
- no parent in school
- history language difficulties
- · child's whereabouts

Teacher Guide 7: Engaging professionally: teaching and learning in the remote context

- Community Sports
- volleyball, golf, basketball, soccer, tennis, touch rugby, cricket and badminton
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The Framework would have assisted my preparation.

Prepare graduates for the world of diverse teaching contexts

Adds strength to Framework