

Dear Students

From 2017, the School of Education will be implementing changes to the final year of the Bachelor of Teaching Program. These changes are in line with the recent re-accreditation of the program and offer a number of benefits to you as a pre-service teacher.

From 2017, the 5 day Country School placement will take place in 2<sup>nd</sup> year as part of the Issues in Contemporary Education course. This means that next year you will spend one week (Sunday to Friday) in the country undertaking observations in a secondary school. You must plan to be available for the Country School placement in 2017, this will run from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 to the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

In the revitalised 4<sup>th</sup> year of your program, the courses will essentially remain the same, with some changes being made to the Professional Experience component of the program. Under the new model, you will be undertaking additional days teaching in Schools, allowing you greater opportunity to develop your teaching skills under the guidance of an experienced mentor. In 2019 there will be three placement times during the year;

- term 1 (January to April) – 10 days (2 weeks) full-time
- term 2 (April to June) – 20 days (4 weeks) full-time
- term 3 (July to September) – 45 days (9 weeks) full-time

The new University teaching dates align more closely with the term dates for secondary schools. Provided you have met all of the requirements of your Bachelor of Teaching program you will be able to register with the TRB at the end of term 3 (ie the end of September). This may lead to the possibility of obtaining teaching work at a School in term 4.

If you have issues with these changes or would like to comment on the changes to the program, we invite you to do so via the website [here](#).

We are providing you with this information to assist you with any planning you are doing for holidays or work commitments that you may have in 2017.

Indicative study plans are available via the website [here](#).

With best wishes  
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