

## 2026 VCE Economic Update for Educators

**Friday 21 August 2026, 8:50 am – 3:00 pm**

The Economic Update is an annual VCTA professional development activity for Economics teachers. It is designed to provide participants with information on the latest economic data, trends, forecasts, and commentary from economic experts.

The sessions will provide presentations followed by questions and discussion. With challenging international issues, a cost-of-living crises, tax and labour market changes it has never been more important to keep up to date. This is a unique opportunity for economics teachers to learn about and discuss the current state of the economy and future forecasts.



Level 18  
600 Bourke St  
Melbourne

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| 8:30 am  | <b>Arrival at Venue:</b> Level 18, 600 Bourke St, Melbourne                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8:50 am  | <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:00 am  | <b>Tony Wood, Energy and Climate Change Senior Fellow, Grattan Institute</b><br>The Renewable Energy Market. An overview of market-based environmental policies, including the short- and long-term effects of environmental policies on aggregate supply, intertemporal efficiency and living standards across Australia, and weaknesses in market-based environmental strategies in terms of aggregate supply issues. |
| 10:00 am | <b>Morning Tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:30 am | <b>Mark Chambers, Senior Representative of Victoria, Reserve Bank of Australia</b><br>Monetary Policy and Current Economic Conditions. An overview of current monetary policy, linking it to the current economic conditions internationally and across Australia.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 11:30 am | <b>Evan Lucas, Economic Futurist</b><br>Taxation Reforms. With the recent changes to taxation, what will happen to government income and expenditure? Is it necessary to reform taxes, or is it essential? Evan will unpack these questions and more.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:30 pm | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1:00 pm  | <b>TBC, Federal Treasury</b><br>Fiscal Policy and Current Economic Conditions. An overview of current fiscal policy, linking it to the current economic conditions internationally and across Australia.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2:00 pm  | <b>Matt Cowgill, Chief Economist / First Assistant Secretary, Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</b><br>Labour Dynamics. How do we fill critical workforce gaps, whilst minimising other economic pressures such as the rising cost of housing, and then promote long-term labour participation amongst Millennials/ Gen Z and older workers.                                       |
| 3:00 pm  | <b>Close</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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## Register online:

<https://vcta.asn.au/Web/Web/Events/Teacher-Events.aspx>

## Enquiries:

P: (03) 9417 3555

E: [registration@vcta.asn.au](mailto:registration@vcta.asn.au)

## Bookings

To access member rates please ensure that:

- you are a VCTA member for 2026. New memberships and renewals are online at [www.vcta.asn.au](http://www.vcta.asn.au)
- you are logged in (by using your own personal username and password) before registering for an event. Do not use the log in details of your colleagues – this also applies to school members.

## Are Your VCTA Membership Details Up to Date?

When you register for this event, please check that you school or individual membership details are accurate and update any information or contact VCTA and we can help you.

## Privacy Policy

VCTA has a privacy policy that

- endorses the national privacy
- principles as set out in the *Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000* (Cth). A copy can be found on the VCTA website [www.vcta.asn.au](http://www.vcta.asn.au).

## FEES per person (incl. GST)

Payment must be received by VCTA prior to the program. Your registration is acceptance of our offer and as such you are liable for the payment irrespective of whether you attend.

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| Non-Member             | \$397 |
| VCTA School Members    | \$265 |
| VCTA Individual Member | \$208 |
| Concession             | \$137 |

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Fee is \$30 per person.

Full fee charged if cancelled within one week of start date.

Fees include lunch and handouts and are inclusive of GST.

- For payments by Bank Deposit, Quote your Invoice Number as your transaction description  
National Australia Bank | BSB: 083 522 | Account: 63053 7099
- Credit Card: Pay by website at [www.vcta.asn.au](http://www.vcta.asn.au) or Phone 03 9419 9622

## The Australian Professional Standards for Teachers

The Victorian Institute of Teachers has implemented the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

**Please note: it is the responsibility of each teacher to keep their own professional learning records and, after each event, to reflect upon, and note, the learning acquired.**

For this professional learning program, VCTA identifies the following standards as applicable.

Please note however, that the extent of learning may differ to some degree between the varying VCE subject programs offered.

### 2. Know the content and how to teach it

2.2 Organise content into coherent, well-sequenced learning and teaching programs.

2.3 Design and implement learning and teaching programs using knowledge of curriculum, assessment and reporting requirements.

### 3. Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning

3.2 Plan and implement well-structured learning and teaching programs or lesson sequences that engage students and promote learning.

### 6. Engage in professional learning

### 7. Engage professionally...

7.4 Participate in professional and community networks and forums to broaden knowledge and improve practice.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Comview26 - Commerce In Action**

Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 November

The University of Melbourne.

For further details please see VCTA's events page via the website.

