



# Media release

## Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

### State education inquiry launches hearings phase in Gippsland

Public hearings for the inquiry into Victoria’s state education system start in Gippsland next week.

Members of the Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will be in Bairnsdale on Tuesday 26 March and Traralgon on Wednesday 27 March.

Teachers and principals from Bairnsdale Secondary College, Lakes Entrance Primary School, Albert Street Primary School, Yallourn Primary School and Kurnai College are scheduled to give evidence to the Committee.

Representatives from Voices for Special Needs and Hands on Learning are among other witnesses.

The Committee is examining the teaching profession in Victorian state schools and how new technologies could be used to alleviate administrative burdens on teachers.

It is also exploring ways to recruit and retain teachers and support them throughout their careers.

Student wellbeing and learning outcomes from grades prep to year 12 are also a key focus.

“The fact we’ve received 271 submissions to this inquiry shows the high level of public interest,” Committee Chair Trung Luu said.

“We look forward to hearing from teachers, principals, other professionals and students in the state education sector as we travel around Victoria over the next couple of months.”

Further public hearings are set for Bendigo on Tuesday 16 April, Shepparton on Wednesday 17 April and Melbourne on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 May.

The regional hearings will not be broadcast, however full witness transcripts will be published alongside [next week’s schedules](#) on the Committee’s website at a later date.

The Committee is due to report to parliament by 25 June 2024.

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