

The registration of VET 'teachers' has resulted in the lowering of standards across the board in education. These people are unqualified and untrained, yet can walk in off the street and receive a job as a teacher, be paid as a teacher, despite never having attended or participated in any kind of academic rigour or process.

In this institution, the effects have been catastrophic. We have illiterate people posing as teachers, even giving advice to senior secondary students to not attend university because "I didn't and look at me".

We have unqualified people giving jobs to unqualified friends, and this has resulted in, predictably, a senior staffer being involved in the promotion of his partner to an AST position, Advanced Skills Teacher, despite having no qualifications and is illiterate, often heard to exclaim "I seen youse" and "I done that". This person had a doubling in pay and then sustained in the senior position for three years whilst given the opportunity to enrol at university and complete a teaching qualification, all the time being paid as a senior teacher.

Fraudulent, ridiculous and open to the most offensive and humiliating attack on the teaching profession. I, and all other teachers, have had to attend university, full-time, for a minimum of four years, accumulating a considerable and debilitating HECS debt. These VET 'teachers' can avoid all that and be employed as a teacher. Appalling.

Registration, therefore, simply means paying your money, despite your qualifications and experience. The rules have been changed to allow the most illiterate and ignorant people into the education profession.