



# UNDERSTANDING THE EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE

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*Kate Chinner from the Teacher Learning Network helps you navigate the first few weeks*

The Australian Education Union (AEU) represents the interests of all staff in Government schools in Victoria. The AEU has an important role in the education community as the union that negotiates with the Department of Education on behalf of employees, including graduate teachers. The AEU is the organisation that represents employees in negotiating the agreement about pay and conditions in schools. As well as improving pay and conditions, the union provides advice, delivers high-quality training and skills development, and campaigns for reforms to policy and funding. You can find out more at [www.aeuvic.asn.au](http://www.aeuvic.asn.au) or you can ask in your school to speak with the AEU representative.

The AEU is a vibrant and diverse community of fellow educators. The New Educator Network (NEN) is a community network run specifically for student and graduate teachers. NEN runs training and networking events for AEU members who are at a similar stage in their careers and provides opportunities to meet others, get involved and, help create policy and become active in campaigns that will affect your working life and your students. The training includes workshops on application writing and getting a job. You can keep up to date with NEN events on our Facebook group 'New Educators Network -AEU Victoria.'