



SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-30

INTRODUCTION TO OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

With so many global challenges to address that require scientific understanding, science education has never been more important. Victoria's science teachers and others in the science education sector are committed to engaging students to create innovative solutions to the world's challenges and to support a science literate community. We thank you for supporting the Science Teachers' Association of Victoria and we hope you join us to help deliver the strategic priorities in our 2026-2030 plan.

Alexandra Abela
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STAV aims to support educators on reconciliation journeys through offering quality professional learning opportunities aimed at showcasing Indigenous knowledge and building respectful relationships with community members and Elders.

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Founded 1943

STAV STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-30

STAV is passionate about science and science education. We are the authentic voice of Victorian science teachers.

Our intention by 2030 is for STAV to be a prominent and relevant leadership body, lifting the quality of science education, through partnerships, professional learning opportunities, production of contemporary resources, and advocacy within and beyond the education ecosystem.

OUR PURPOSE:

We advance science education through offering professional learning and other opportunities for science teachers to engage students and the wider community in the real-life applications of science.

OUR VALUES:

Authenticity and innovation:

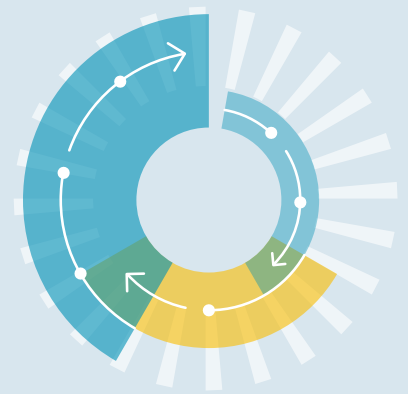
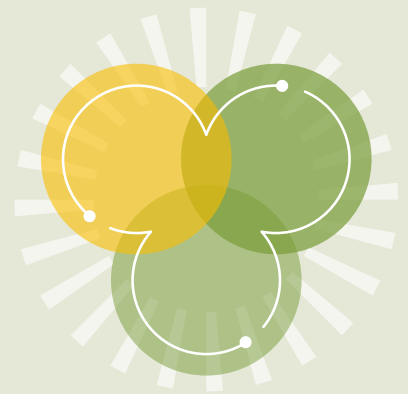
We listen carefully and reflect on practice and value critical thinking. We model scientific process and seek to constantly learn and improve.

We are ambitious and adaptive as we look to the future, and we strive to respond proactively within our context and role.

Collaboration and connection:

We collaborate across educational settings, inclusive of all science teachers and model a constructive spirit.

We enable teachers to galvanise and connect with students, each other, and with society.



Professional Learning

OUR AMBITION:

To enable science teachers to be their best, through offering inspiring high quality opportunities and resources.

WHAT THIS WILL REQUIRE OF US:

- Deliver in more places – enabling more equitable access to opportunities for all members and stakeholders
- Digital delivery of quality assured resources – for busy people – any time access, anywhere.
- Engage members and other educators through our publications which include *Lab Talk*, *Let's Find Out* and *Contact*, as valued channels to share knowledge within the profession.
- Working in collaboration with existing and emerging trusted partners and networks.

Collaboration

OUR AMBITION:

To collaborate with others to promote high quality science education, where we can play a positive role.

Work with educational stakeholders and others to build science literacy/ understanding in the community.

WHAT THIS WILL REQUIRE OF US:

- To develop and benchmark quality standards in science education across diverse school settings.
- Support science teachers to advocate the importance of science education within schools and society
- For STAV to offer a credible and authoritative voice with all levels of government regarding policy reform in science and science education.

Sustainability

OUR AMBITION:

To ensure STAV is set up for future success and positive impact.

WHAT THIS WILL REQUIRE OF US:

- Ensure we remain financially stable through careful planning and stewardship of our financial resources
- Maintain our relevance and topicality through investing in digital delivery and supporting ethical use of technology
- Strengthen our capabilities – enabling our active volunteers who make our work possible, supported by a small paid staff team.

STAV represents the collective voice of teachers of science in matters relating to science education in Victoria.

STAV provides leadership, support, services, programs and resources for all levels and areas of science education.

STAV is a not-for profit member association governed by a voluntary Council, elected by STAV members and supported by paid staff.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Science Talent Search
- Professional learning
- Membership services
- Publications, resources and tools

Bookmark our events calendar <https://stav.org.au/events/>. You don't need to be a paid-up member to participate.

GET INVOLVED WITH STAV

- Pre-service teachers
- Secondary science teachers
- Primary science teachers
- Tertiary science teachers
- Science education trainers and researchers
- School Laboratory Technicians
- Out-of-field teachers (secondary/primary)
- School leaders
- People who have retired from full-time science teaching
- Government agencies
- Philanthropic partners
- Industry partners

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STAV acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country and pays respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.