

Professional Development

- Encouraged Vic/Tas members to engage Esafety Commissioner webinars to understand online engagement of under 18's (direct enquiry by school sector and follow up with regulators)
- Support for Students – Zita Tattersall (Deakin) and Wendy Blastock (Monash)
- Assumptions, Realities, Reset – Melanie Duncan
- Communicating with Confidence - Sarah Lobegeiger de Rodriguez

Benefits online PD

- Tasmanian members connected
- Engagement with other state's PD and National PD
 - National Code Tutorial and ESOS for Students
- Engagement with IEAA/ISANA Master classes
- Cost saving – venue and catering

Disadvantages online PD

- Members registered and did not attend
- Timing and “screen fatigue”
- Engagement online
- Webinar overload – questions but no answers v time spent on students

Newsletters

- Five Vic/Tas newsletters sent to members

Challenges

- Communication overload
- Timeliness

Letters of Support

- Cultural Intelligence - Resilience and Wellbeing Grant
- Inner Melbourne Community Legal – Work rights and Accommodation
- Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council (AGMC) & Story is Connection - “Let's Stay Connected”

Other Engagement

- Meeting with Ethnic Communities Council Victoria – Supporting international students
- City of Melbourne & Study Melbourne International Education Roundtable
- AUSTRADE
 - Mental Health Student and Staff support
- CISA

Membership

127 Vic/Tas members as at 23/11/2020.

Challenges

- Members – ongoing employment
- Renewal of Subscriptions

Observations

- Cross sector engagement

- Student Vulnerabilities
 - Accommodation
 - Importance of part time work and work rights
 - Finance Priorities – cost of IT
 - In country engagement
 - Student understanding of ESOS
- “.....sufficient student support personnel to meet the needs of overseas students **ENROLLED** with the registered provider” (NCP 6.6)
- Encouragement of members to present good practice and to ask questions
- Change dialogue – importance of “....giving the overseas student information on or access to an **AGE and CULTURALLY appropriate** orientation program....” Orientation?

Thanks

- Community support groups, volunteers, food support and mental health agencies
- PD presenters in 2020
- Vic/Tas and National committee members
- Students and members

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