# Vocational Education and Training Network Session 1 Summary

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The inaugural session brought together VET professionals from several Australian states to discuss the challenges unique to the VET sector when embedding student voice initiatives institutionally and sharing successful initiatives in the sector.

## IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES:

- The impact is difficult to measure.
- Course duration varies drastically.
- Securing resourcing and funding.
- Building & maintaining momentum
- Contrast in experience in dual mode institutions.
- Diversity in the modes of delivery.
- Low buy-in from students.
- Achieving cultural mindset and commitment from others in the organisation.
- Consistency in practice at multi-campus institutions.
- Diverse student profiles.
- Scale and pace. Too much to tackle, and where to start that can be efficient but meaningful.

## TAKING STOCK OF EXISTING PRACTICES:

Staying mindful of existing practices that can embed student voice initiatives or complement student voice practices.

- Student Ambassador Programs
- VET Learner Surveys
- Existing governance structures
- Compliance checks
- Leadership programs

## WHAT RESOURCES ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE?

- VET Communities of Practice
- Holmesglen Student Voice Toolkit
- SVA STEUP Principles
- SVA Resources (Members only)
- Anything else?

Watch the recording ▷🎥

## WHERE TO NEXT?

VET Network will be run by Student Voice Australasia

- The sessions in 2024 will be open to all.
- SVA will provide project management support*, creating tangible outcomes and resources and driving collaboration opportunities cross-institutionally.

  *SVA resources dedicated to VET events and project management are directly impacted but the number of VET members.
- VET institutions are welcome to become SVA members and gain access to SVA Member Resources, Free SVA Online Sessions (Practitioner Network, Student Network) and SVA Annual Events, Online Collaboration Platform and Working Groups focused on VET-specific resources.

VET Network focus areas, as suggested by members:

- Develop rep training.
- Collaborate on creating engagement and communication strategies.
- Share resources amongst the sector.
- Discover ways to streamline Student Voice Practice for under-resourced teams.
- Adding and communicating the value to student representation roles.
- Platforms and engagement tools for implementing student voice activities.

*Please note: Some of these focus areas are covered by Student Voice Australasia at other network events or via resources.