

Media Release

The Hon Ben Carroll MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Education
Minister for Medical Research



Tuesday, 28 May 2024

INDEPENDENT REVIEW INTO SCHOOLS' ADMIN BURDEN

The Allan Labor Government has commissioned an independent review of administrative and compliance activities in Victorian government schools – looking at its impact on teacher, support staff and principal workload.

Minister for Education Ben Carroll today announced the independent review, to be led by Katie Roberts-Hull – an important process in addressing concerns about the scale and impact of administration in schools on the workload of both teachers and school leaders.

The review will provide recommendations to Government on how to help schools and principals manage and reduce this work – building on more than \$67 million the Labor Government already invested to reduce workload for principals, teachers and school staff.

Ms Roberts-Hull has been chosen to lead the review due to her combination of public policy and education expertise, with additional education experience as a former teacher.

Ms Roberts-Hull will be supported in her role by an expert Reference Group of current principals, teachers, business managers and school support staff. Peak principal organisations and unions, including the Australian Education Union, will also play a key role in contributing to the review.

Reducing the workload on teachers and school leaders associated with administrative and compliance activities is critical in freeing up our schools to focus on teaching and learning.

The review will commence by May 2024 and provide a final report to the Minister by December 2024.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Ben Carroll

“School leaders, teachers and staff play a vital role in supporting young Victorians – while administration is a necessary part of their roles, we need to make sure they have as much time as possible time to teach and support students.”

“Ms Roberts-Hull is uniquely suitable to lead the review due to her combination of public policy and education expertise, her experience as a former teacher, and her independence from government.”

Quote attributable to Katie Roberts-Hull

“I look forward to leading this important independent review to help schools address the compliance burden they face so that they can focus on educating our students.”