



Queensland Virtual Academy



Live online lessons



The Queensland Virtual Academy (QVA) is a statewide, cohesive approach to increasing equity in student access to curriculum pathways, learning opportunities, and teaching expertise. The QVA enhances access to learning opportunities for students regardless of where they live by leveraging digital and virtual learning.

Live online lessons will provide equitable access to diverse curriculum and learning through real-time, online learning with a dedicated subject teacher.

QVA services

The 4 services provided by the QVA are:

- **Live online lessons:** virtual learning is delivered to students in difficult-to-staff learning areas or subjects by a QVA partner school teacher to students in another school.
- **On-demand learning materials:** the QVA provides access to learning materials that assist teachers to more confidently deliver the curriculum.
- **Schools teaching to other schools:** through school-initiated partnerships, schools work together to deliver curriculum and learning opportunities.
- **Targeted and specialist virtual programs:** these programs enrich curriculum for targeted students and support schools to further personalise student learning.



Live online learning service	
What are live online lessons?	<p>Live online lessons are real-time virtual learning, in targeted curriculum areas, delivered by QVA teachers located in schools throughout Queensland.</p> <p>This service is the online delivery of Australian Curriculum, Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), and Vocational Educational and Training subjects currently unavailable in a student's base school.</p> <p>Subject teachers are based in partner schools or centrally, delivering live online lessons to registered students situated in other schools.</p>
How do schools participate?	<p>Schools should consider the opportunities and implications of participating in the QVA. They should undertake appropriate internal and external consultation to determine how their involvement with the QVA can address specific curriculum and learning needs of students.</p> <p>Schools may register with the QVA as a recipient school or a partner delivery school. Lessons are delivered in real-time via a virtual platform (i.e., Microsoft Teams, iSee) and supported by online resources (i.e., QLearn or Microsoft Office suite).</p> <p>Recipient schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • register student(s) in the QVA for a subject not currently available at the student's base school (each program may have specific student and school eligibility requirements) • maintain the full enrolment and duty of care for student(s) as well as their student accountabilities. <p>Partner delivery schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • register with the QVA as a school with capacity to provide a subject teacher • share a teacher's FTE with QVA and the QVA employs the teacher for the required fraction after negotiations with partner school. Details of arrangement will be captured in a QVA/Partner school agreement. • are provided with professional learning opportunities, curriculum planning and delivery support for the shared teacher, as well as resources by the QVA, as required for virtual lesson delivery • retain the shared teacher as part of their school community with overall professional supervision provided by the partner school principal.
What are the benefits of live online lessons?	<p>All schools benefit because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teaching expertise is maximised and distributed, particularly in difficult-to-staff subjects for students across Queensland • teachers continue to teach their subject of expertise while remaining engaged in their local school and community • access to diverse curriculum offerings are enhanced for students, regardless of geographical location or local resources. <p>Partner school benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recruiting and retaining teachers by providing opportunities to teach subject of expertise, regardless of local subject demand • increasing flexible work options for teachers so they can remain part of a school's teaching team as work and life circumstances change • empowering teachers and building their capability to deliver innovative, flexible virtual learning with QVA resources and guidance for use within their own school • membership in the virtual learning Professional Learning Community (PLC) which focuses on, for example, staff capability development, collaborative inquiry into problems of practice, and exploration of innovative teaching approaches. <p>Recipient school benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • empowering students with enhanced and additional curriculum choices and new ways of learning with others • developing teachers' curriculum expertise by co-teaching and mentoring with subject teachers at partner schools • accessing teachers with subject expertise not currently available in their own school • empowering and building staff capability to deliver innovative and flexible learning via collegial engagement and coaching, as a member of the virtual learning PLC.
Want to know more?	<p>Additional information sheets for the QVA services are available, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QVA overview • on-demand learning materials • schools teaching to other schools • targeted and specialist virtual programs.