

ACER's **School Engagement** Events 2026





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Workshops

Understanding PAT A practical workshop for educators

Description Discover the full potential of PAT data and elevate your assessment practice. Understanding PAT is a hands-on, highly practical workshop designed for educators who want to implement PAT confidently and harness the Progressive Achievement approach to support student growth.

Focusing on Maths and Reading domains, you'll navigate a complete PAT cycle – from initial account setup, assessment policy and test administration, to accessing and interpreting student results data and identifying meaningful next steps in learning. Using real examples, tutorials, and case studies, you'll learn how to transform assessment insights into targeted, effective teaching strategies.

This workshop focuses on PAT reporting and data interrogation, giving you the tools to understand what your students know, what they're ready to learn next, and how to monitor progress over time. With a strong evidence base and a holistic lens, the Progressive Achievement approach empowers educators to make informed decisions that genuinely impact learning.

Recommended prior learning No previous PAT training is required. To get the most out of the session, we recommend arranging access to your school's PAT data via a login to your school's Online Assessment and Reporting System (OARS) account.

Intended learning outcomes

- understand and apply the Progressive Achievement approach,
- implement PAT effectively across your school,
- analyse and interrogate PAT reports with confidence, and
- track student growth and identify next steps in learning.

Intended audience This workshop is ideal for educators looking to deepen their understanding of PAT – particularly those involved in administering assessments, reporting on results, or designing teaching and learning programs informed by student data.

Cost **\$460.00 incl. GST (per person)**

For more information, please contact school.engagement@acer.org

Understanding PAT A practical workshop for educators

EVENT REGISTRATION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<u>TERM 3 2026</u>			
Online	Tuesday, 25 August	9am – 3pm AEST	Online via Zoom
Darwin	Tuesday, 1 September	9am – 3pm ACST	Oaks Darwin Elan Hotel, 31 Woods Street Darwin
Darwin	Wednesday, 2 September	9am – 3pm ACST	Oaks Darwin Elan Hotel, 31 Woods Street Darwin
Brisbane	Tuesday, 8 September	9am – 3pm AEST	Queensland Multicultural Centre 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point, 4169
Brisbane	Wednesday, 9 September	9am – 3pm AEST	Queensland Multicultural Centre 102 Main Street, Kangaroo Point, 4169
Gold Coast	Thursday, 10 September	9am – 3pm AEST	Oaks Gold Coast Hotel, 2801 Gold Coast Hwy, Surfers Paradise QLD, 4217
<u>TERM 4 2026</u>			
Perth	Tuesday, 20 October	9am – 3pm AWST	DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Northbridge, 100 James St, 6003
Perth	Wednesday, 21 October	9am – 3pm AWST	DoubleTree by Hilton Perth Northbridge, 100 James St, 6003
Online	Tuesday, 27 October	9am – 3pm AEDT	Online via Zoom
Melbourne	Tuesday, 10 November	9am – 3pm AEDT	ACER, 19 Prospect Hill Rd, Camberwell, 3124
Melbourne	Wednesday, 11 November	9am – 3pm AEDT	ACER, 19 Prospect Hill Rd, Camberwell, 3124
Newcastle	Monday, 16 November	9am – 3pm AEDT	NOAH'S on the beach, 29 Zaara St, Newcastle NSW, 2300
Sydney	Wednesday, 18 November	9am – 3pm AEDT	ACER, 1/140 Bourke Rd, Alexandria, 2015
Online	Tuesday, 24 November	9am – 3pm AEDT	Online via Zoom

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School engagement events and offers

Description

ACER offers a range of professional learning opportunities designed for educators who want to deepen their understanding of PAT and other ACER assessments. These sessions support school staff responsible for administering assessments, interpreting data, and implementing evidence-informed teaching and learning strategies.

Schools can choose from short consultations, extended video conferences, or tailored half-day and full-day workshops. Each option provides practical guidance, opportunities for discussion, and support in analysing school-specific data. Workshops can be delivered on-site, with travel and accommodation costs applying for face-to-face visits.

These offerings are designed for individual schools, with additional arrangements available for networks, systems, or multi-school groups.

Video conferences / face-to-face school sessions

Initial Consultation (20 minutes) - **Free of charge**

Each session is a short online 20-minute discussion and can cover an introduction to PAT or other ACER assessments. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the assessments, explore how they work, how they were developed, and have relaxed, informal conversations about assessment practice more broadly.

- Introductory conversation about implementing PAT or other ACER assessments
- General queries and informal conversation about assessment practice

Extended Consultation (90 minutes) – **\$710.00 inc. GST**

A 90-minute session can be tailored to focus on one or two key areas, such as a PAT overview, understanding PAT Adaptive, interrogating PAT reports, or monitoring learning growth. Each session provides depth on selected topics rather than covering all areas at once, ensuring meaningful discussion and practical application.

These sessions support educators to deepen their understanding of PAT and strengthen their use of assessment data to inform teaching and learning.

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School engagement events and offers

Private professional learning workshop

Half Day Workshop (3 hours) – \$1425.00 inc. GST per ACER presenter

Full Day Workshop (6 hours) – \$2715.00 inc. GST per ACER presenter

Private workshops are fully tailored to each school and draw on content from multiple PAT and ACER assessment sessions. They offer hands-on analysis using your school's own data, with interactive discussion and expert support for interpreting results. Ideal for whole-staff professional learning, they provide a comprehensive and in-depth exploration of assessment use and data-informed practice.

Note:

- Workshops with more than 25 attendees require two ACER presenters.
- Face to face workshops will incur additional travel and accommodation costs.
- Pricing applies to individual schools. For group, system, network, or multi school bookings, please contact: school.engagement@acer.org

Additional info

Supporting PAT users of all experience levels

ACER provides professional learning suitable for educators at every stage of their PAT journey—from complete beginners to experienced users looking to deepen their understanding. Sessions are designed to meet schools where they are, ensuring that all participants can engage meaningfully with the content and apply it to their assessment practices.

Participant and school preparation

No previous PAT experience is necessary. For the most effective learning experience, schools are encouraged to provide participants with access to their PAT data via their OARS account so they can interact with their own results during the session.

For more information, please contact school.engagement@acer.org

Our Team



Matt Bongetti

Senior Project Officer

Matt Bongetti is a former primary school teacher whose role at ACER is to aid and support schools and systems in their use of online assessments. Matt has the unique perspective of seeing both sides of PAT, having delivered PAT tests as a teacher and now working with schools. For the last 7 years, Matt's work as part of the School Engagement team has involved developing and delivering content to schools through school visits, video conferences, webinars, and workshops.



Alex Gates

Project Officer

Before joining ACER in 2021, Alex worked as a primary school teacher, which gave him valuable insight into the current educational landscape and the challenges faced by both teachers and learners alike. His favourite part of his role in the School Engagement team is providing a sense of clarity to teachers and helping them to understand the many products and services offered by ACER. He also enjoys helping to produce 'Improving Learning with ACER', a podcast aimed at helping educators to make data-informed decisions in their practice.



Daniel O'Loughlin

Project Director

Daniel O'Loughlin is a former primary and secondary school teacher whose role at ACER is to aid and support schools and systems in their use of assessment. Daniel was seconded to ACER UK in 2017, where he developed and launched the Scottish National Standardised Assessments in collaboration with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government. Daniel has developed the ACER online webinar series and delivers presentations and workshops on ACER products such as the Progressive Achievement (PAT) suite. Daniel is currently the Project Director of the School Engagement team in ACER's Student and Learning Progress division.

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