

# *Setting Professional Goals*

## FOR 2021



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# Welcome

*"If it's not  
challenging  
you, it's not  
changing you."*

Rachel Hollis



Every day in teaching is different, that's for sure, so why does every day feel like Groundhog Day? Why does it feel like you're just going through the motions and when you get to the end of the week, term or year, you know you'll just do it all again the same next time?

I'll tell you – because it is! You know what needs to be done and you go to work, and you do it. Isn't that what working is?

Well, yes and no.

Of course, you'll have routine actions and behaviours, and the routine can be comforting, but without new challenges you're always going to be heading in the same direction taking the same journey over and over. 2021 doesn't have to feel like your teaching life is stuck on repeat.

Setting new challenges, or goals, can add new 'scenery' and attractions to your journey, you can stop off and take in the view from new vantage points.

This workbook has been designed to help you think about, refine and record your professional goals for 2021. The prompts will help you to narrow down your priority areas and to set objectives that are meaningful, challenging and purposeful.

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.  
Amy



Use the following prompts to narrow down your professional goals for 2021.

*What areas of teaching do I need to improve on?*

This could be new skills, new technology, or improving your knowledge in a subject area. While PD in the subjects we love is appealing, if we're really going to kick some career goals we need to work on our weaknesses.



*Which one of these areas really truly inspires me?*

Choose the one that stands out to you the most. Which one lights your fire? You'll be more likely to stick at it if you're genuinely interested.



*How will this improve, inspire, re-ignite my teaching?*

Make sure it's something that will really impact your professional life. There's no point doing further training unless it's purposeful and inspiring.





Professional goals are all about improving your skills and advancing your career. Consider the following 6 key points and answer the questions to clarify and evaluate your professional goals.

### *Growth*

Explain how will your goals lead to professional growth?

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### *Relevance*

Explain how your goals are relevant to teaching and learning?

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### *Aspirations*

Describe how do your goals push you professionally and set a higher standard for your teaching?

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## *Career Focused*

Explain why your goals centred on your teaching career?

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## *Improvement*

How will achieving your goals genuinely improve your teaching?

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## *Excellence*

How will your goals lead to professional excellence?

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Once you're clear on your goals and their purpose you can start to brainstorm ideas about how to achieve them. Use the space below to record these ideas.

*Goal 1:*

*Goal 2:*

*Goal 3:*



## Well Done!

Setting professional goals for yourself is just as important as setting personal ones.

Whatever your goals for the year ahead, we wish you all the best and hope it's one of success, both professionally and personally.



### *Upper Primary Resources*

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## Is this you?



- I love teaching upper primary students. They can connect with topics with insight and maturity. I even love their sassy attitude.
- I'm always pressed for time. I'm flat out and never have time for myself and my family. I want something to take some pressure off!
- The Australian Curriculum has some really important topics for upper primary students but they can be so boring!
- I want resources that meet my planning requirements but are fun and engaging for my students. Is that so hard?

We hear you! That's why we've created resources, just like this one, for Australian upper primary teachers.

Our mission is pretty straight forward:

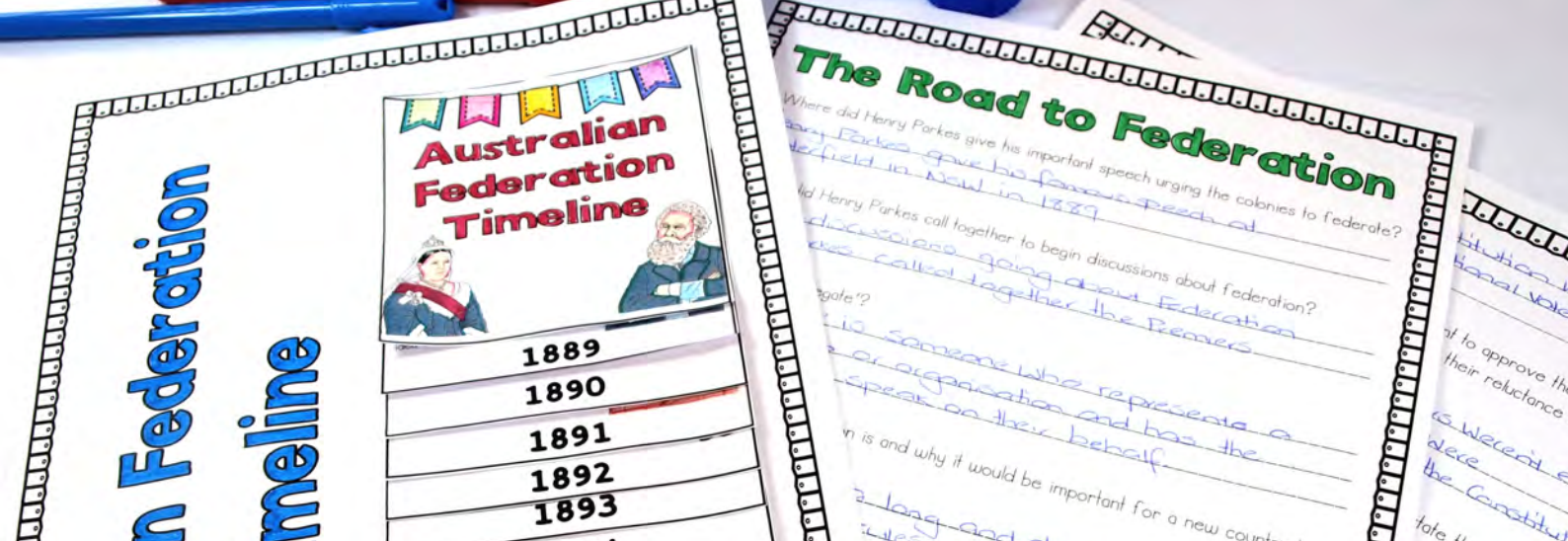
- ✓ We want teachers to have access to curriculum aligned resources that truly engage students.
- ✓ We want teachers to feel confident they've got their planning and lessons covered so they can stress less and enjoy teaching more.
- ✓ We want to liven up those dry and often complicated topics for both teachers and students.
- ✓ We want the big kids to have hands-on and interactive resources that are loaded with learning because the big kids should have fun learning too!

We hope this resource ticks all those boxes for you! If you'd like to keep up to date with our latest resources and updates click the links to follow us on your favourite social media platform.

Happy Teaching  
Amy







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