

Smart Casual: Email to sessional teachers

Dear [sessional teacher's name],

Thank you for joining the dedicated team of teaching staff that support student learning and wellbeing in our School. This email sets out some of the forms of support that we offer to sessional teachers, beginning with law-specific professional development focused on teaching.

[Smart Casual](#) is a national project designed to create time-efficient, research-informed online professional development for Australian sessional teachers in law. These resources are designed to assist you to make your teaching more effective and provide techniques you can use in your classes.

The Smart Casual online professional development modules are designed by law teachers, for law teachers. They include videos of sessional law teachers sharing their high-quality teaching practices. Each module has been peer reviewed, trialled by sessional law teachers and modified to respond to their feedback. The modules are free and readily accessible on the web at smartlawteacher.org.

The Smart Casual suite comprises modules on:

- Communication and collaboration
- Critical legal thinking
- Engaging students
- Ethics and professional responsibility
- Providing high quality feedback
- Indigenous Australians and the law
- Problem solving
- Reading law
- Wellbeing in law.

Each of the Smart Casual modules addresses the crucial issues of:

- Internationalisation
- Digital literacy
- Gender equity
- Diversity.

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Insert a statement of support from the School.

Insert a statement about how sessional staff will be paid for undertaking professional development and any conditions attached to that payment (for example, a limit on hours of paid professional development per semester, a permission process, or an assessment process).

Insert a statement about the other forms of support offered to sessional staff by your School (for example, key people to contact about pay or library access or answers to questions).

about the Learning Management System; a mentoring scheme; an accreditation process; a peer support program).

If you have any queries please contact [insert name and contact email].

Yours sincerely,

Insert your name

Insert your position title