



## **Geological Society of Australia Inc**

### **Geological Education Policy**

#### **GEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

The Geological Society of Australia will promote to the Australian community the understanding of geology as essential to an understanding of the environments in which we live.

This promotion should reach all Australians, particularly school students at all levels of education from primary or secondary schools, as well as students in Technical and Further Education, and Higher Education systems, and lay people in general. It should emphasise scientific thought based on descriptive, historical and experimental knowledge to enable appreciation and management of the Earth's resources.

The Geological Society of Australia is committed to promoting the inclusion of geological education in the training curricula of all primary and secondary science teachers in Australia.

The Geological Society of Australia supports efforts to establish national guidelines on the teaching of common core geology topics in primary to secondary education with provision for both global and local input.

The Geological Society of Australia encourages students completing senior high school to consider the benefits of further studies in geology. The Geological Society realises there is a need to enhance teacher training, make curricula more interesting and to provide adequate teaching resources. In particular, the Society appreciates that careers in geology must be promoted, both conventional and unconventional, and that motivation of people to study geology requires further research.

The Geological Society of Australia supports the teaching of geology at all Tertiary level institutions in Australia to first year level at least.