

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE NAME AND AMEND RULES

At the Annual General Meeting of the association to be held online on 18 May 2026 at 7pm, the following special resolutions to change the name of the association and to amend the rules of the association will be proposed:

1. The name of the association is amended by deleting the words “Victorian Branch”.
2. The rules are otherwise amended as shown in the redlined version of the rules attached hereto.

Explanation for proposed amendments

The current rules only permit the association to conduct an exchange program for outbound students from Victoria and for inbound students from Germany within Victoria. For many years a sister organisation of SAGSE operated a like program in New South Wales. That program ceased some years ago and the NSW organisation no longer exists.

The association proposes to revive the program in New South Wales. This may ultimately result in the re-establishment of a NSW association but until then the association needs the power to operate outside Victoria. The proposed rule changes would permit that and the change of name would reflect it.

In addition the association has applied to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. If granted that status would allow the association to raise funds from tax deductible donations.

The association’s solicitors have advised that it qualifies for that status but needs to make a number of amendments to its rules to ensure that it does qualify. The balance of the amendments mainly reflect the changes recommended by the solicitors to ensure that the association qualifies for DGR status.

There are additional changes of a formatting and stylistic nature.