Rates of Out-of-Field Mathematics Teaching

The chance of students being taught Mathematics by an out-of-field teacher in Years 7-10

- 76% chance of being taught by an out-of-field teacher for at least one year
- 35% chance of being taught by an out-of-field teacher for at least two years
- 8% chance of being taught by an out-of-field teacher for at least three years

Shortage of Mathematics teachers in Australian secondary schools

- 1 in 3 Secondary Mathematics classes are taught by an out-of-field teacher
- Less than 1 in 4 Students in Years 7-10 are taught by an in-field teacher every year

Reversing the shortfall

- The current out-of-field rate is 30%
- In order to get this figure down to 10% in 10 years it's estimated that...
- 240 out-of-field teachers would need to be retrained, annually, for every 1500 new graduates