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of South Australia

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### Important Issues

#### Message from AISSA Chief Executive, Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns

On behalf of the AISSA I would like to welcome all school communities to the 2019 school year and wish you every success for the coming year. In light of a number of events, including the upcoming Federal Election, I anticipate that this will be a very busy year for schools. I am very pleased to advise that the AISSA has a new member school, SEDA College SA, which is a Senior Secondary co-educational school for Year 11 and Year 12 students with a focus on sport related problem-based learning. SEDA College commenced operations on 29 January.

#### Commencement Service

The 2019 Commencement Service will be held at Concordia College on Sunday 24 February 2019. Invitations have been forwarded to all Principals (email from [Lynn Carter](#), 31 January 2019). Please contact [Lynn Carter](#) if you have any questions regarding the service. Registration forms are required to be returned to [Alison Hollis](#) by COB Tuesday 19 February 2019.

#### 2019 AISSA Governance Conference – Managing Critical Risks – Saturday 4 May 2019

The 2019 conference has been specially designed to build the capacity of Board members to understand and develop strategic solutions to the key risks facing school boards in relation to child safety, information technology and long-term school viability. The AISSA has been privileged to secure the services of Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, who served as a Commissioner to the Australian Government's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, as a keynote speaker. Mr Fitzgerald's address will focus on the role of the Board in creating child safe schools and a culture of safety. Further details and registration are available on the AISSA [website](#).

#### Australian Government Recurrent Funding – Residential Address Collection

Correspondence has been forwarded to schools by email (6 February) from the Education SES Help Desk regarding the Term 1 2019 Residential Address Collection. The Collection will open for four weeks from 19 February until 18 March 2019.

#### Australian Government Recurrent Funding – Technical Working Group

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has released the communiques from the two Technical Working Group meetings which have thus far been held. The communiques, along with other information, are available via the [Direct Income Measure section](#) of the DET website. The Independent school sector has two representatives on the Working Group. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding Australian Government funding.

#### State Government Recurrent Funding

The State Government has confirmed that in 2019 all schools will receive a minimum 3% per capita guarantee, adjusted for NCCD. Any funds remaining will be distributed across those schools falling below 22%. Negotiations are continuing on funding post 2019. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding State Government funding.

#### National Redress Scheme

South Australia has now officially joined the [National Redress Scheme](#). Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding the scheme.

#### Child Care Subsidy Approval

There is now a refreshed Approvals page for services wishing to apply for Child Care Subsidy Approval. The new page comprehensively explains the application process for both providers and services and the legal requirements under family assistance law. Further information is available via the [website](#).

### **National School Chaplaincy Program 2019-2022**

Application and Certification forms have been sent to all member schools along with a copy of the updated guidelines (email from [Carolyn Grantskalns](#), 24 January 2019). If you intend to apply for funding under the new program it is essential that the application form is returned no later than COB 15 February. Certification forms are due by COB 22 February. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) or [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding this new program.

### **Have you Employed an Early Career Teacher in 2018/19?**

The [AISSA Early Career Teachers Program](#) runs over 5 days in Terms 1 to 3 (commencing March 8) and focusses on scaffolding and enriching the mentee – mentor relationship as well as supporting each ECT to reflect, develop a pedagogical toolbox and gather evidence against the [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers](#). AITSL has also developed [resources](#) on improved beginning teacher induction, including guidelines, case studies and an [induction app](#). For further information please contact [Mary Pickett](#) or [Lynda Secombe](#).

### **NAPLAN Reporting Review**

The Education Council has commissioned a review of the current approach to the presentation of the National Assessment Program -- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) data including information published on the My School website. The review is being undertaken by Emeritus Professor Bill Loudon AM. Further information including the Issues Paper prepared to guide the public submission process can be accessed via the [website](#). Submissions close 14 March.

### **ACNC Update**

The ACNC has advised that DET has collected the financial information including the audited financial reports (for the 2017 reporting period) on behalf of the ACNC. The ACNC expect the Annual Information Statement information to be published on the ACNC Charity Register in the near term and the audited financial reports to be published by the end of March 2019. Further information about non-government schools reporting is available via the ACNC [website](#).

### **Teachers Registration Board (TRB) – Power to Suspend Teachers**

The State Government has amended the *Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004* to grant the TRB the power to suspend the registration of a teacher if they are charged with a prescribed offence but not yet convicted. Prescribed offences are set out in the [Regulations](#). Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding this change.

### **Wellbeing and Engagement Collection**

The annual Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey which collects information from students about non-academic factors relevant to learning and participation will be held 18 March to 5 April 2019 and is open to students from Years 4-12. Schools which are interested in having students participate should email [education.WEC@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.WEC@sa.gov.au). Data from participating schools is required by 1 March.

### **Free Volunteer Screening**

All Department of Human Services (DHS) screenings for volunteers working with children and vulnerable people, formerly called a *DCSI check*, are now free (previously \$59.40). The application process has not changed with organisations commencing the application for a volunteer screening check through the [Screening Unit's online application portal](#), which is then completed by the individual applicant. When the new SA [Child Safety \(Prohibited Persons\) Act](#) commences later this year, it will become an offence for an organisation to engage a person in a work or volunteer role with children and young people without this check.

### **Preschool Data Collection**

The Department for Education has emailed non-government schools providing information regarding the Term 1 preschool data collection (sent 5 February 2019). The data submission deadline is 1 March 2019. Further information can be accessed via the [website](#).

### **Access Assistant Program**

The Access Assistant Program (AAP) provides trained staff to support students with complex health care needs and/or a disability to participate in a government or non-government preschool or school. In order to receive the support, AAP must receive a completed referral from the preschool or school Principal/Director and the parent/guardian. Further information and a copy of the referral form can be found via the [website](#).



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## Compliance Dates

<b>Update Details</b>	Advise regulatory authorities including DET, Department for Education, Education Standards Board, ACNC of changes to key personnel, ongoing
<b>Child Care Subsidy Scheme</b>	Ensure details are accurate, ongoing <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">DET - CCSS</a>
<b>Student Reports</b>	Provide a student report that meets the requirements under the Australian Education Act 2013, twice per year
<b>STATS</b>	Reference period commences January/ February. ('the first school day of the year through to and including last school day of Semester 1, or until the Friday on or before 30 June if there is no break in June/July.')
<b>NAPLAN Data Collection 2019</b>	Registration of students and Student Background Data due 11 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">National Assessment Program</a>
<b>Capital Grants Program</b>	BGA Master Plan grant applications for February review closes 13 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Capital Grants Program (BGA)</a>
<b>School Card</b>	Term 1 collection date 15 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Department of Education - External Relations</a>
<b>National School Chaplaincy Program</b>	Final date for return of application form 15 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Carolyn Grantskalns</a> ; <a href="#">Bronwyn Donaghey</a>
<b>Microsoft Licensing</b>	Final date for completion of opt-in forms 15 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Leisa Humphrey</a>
<b>2019 Student Residential Address Collection</b>	Collection opens 19 February 2019 and closes 18 March 2019 <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Carolyn Grantskalns</a> ; <a href="#">Bronwyn Donaghey</a>
<b>National School Chaplaincy Programme</b>	Final date for return of certification form 22 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Carolyn Grantskalns</a> ; <a href="#">Bronwyn Donaghey</a>
<b>AISSA Membership</b>	Membership fees due 24 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Leisa Humphrey</a>
<b>CRICOS</b>	Annual Registration Charge invoice payment due 28 February <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">ESOS Framework - Fees and Charges</a>

A full list of 2019 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA [website](#) Not all compliance dates may be listed above or be applicable to all schools. Schools are advised to check with the relevant authorities if they are unsure.

Authorised by Carolyn Grantskalns AISSA Chief Executive