



Association of
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of South Australia

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Important Issues

AISSA Communications

The AISSA has commenced a new way of communicating with its member schools, with all regular communications, including the Bulletin, professional learning newsletters and third party information, being sent from a single email address: aissa@ais.sa.edu.au. The Professional Learning newsletter includes information on professional learning opportunities for school leaders, such as the legal series and governance workshops.

AISSA Governance Conference – Child Safe Schools

The AISSA was privileged to have Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM, Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, speak on Creating Child Safe Schools at the 2019 Governance Conference. A key point in Commissioner Fitzgerald's address was that a child safe school can only result from an ongoing proactive approach from the Board to ensure every staff member, student and parent is clear about the school's policies and processes which must start with the best interests of each child in mind. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding the conference.

Federal Election

The AISSA sought responses from the major political parties to five questions critical to SA Independent schools. The responses received have been forwarded to member schools (email from Carolyn Grantskalns 7 May 2019). In addition, Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, along with interstate colleagues, has met with the Federal Shadow Minister for Education, the Hon Tanya Plibersek, to outline the key issues for the sector. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions about the Federal Election.

State Government Infrastructure Grant Funding Program

Applications for the next round of the State Government Infrastructure Grant Program and the acquittal for the 2018 program are expected to be forwarded to eligible member schools shortly by the Department for Education. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) or [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

National School Chaplaincy Program

The 2019 grant has been paid to all schools which have completed the necessary paperwork. Member schools are reminded that the AISSA must be advised of any change in position which is funded using National School Chaplaincy Program funding. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) or [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) Funding Calculator

ISV has produced an updated funding calculator for non-systemic schools. The new version of the calculator has been updated to reflect the announcements made by the Commonwealth Minister for Education and Training in 2018. Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you are interested in obtaining a copy of the new version.

Teachers and the Working with Children Check (WWCC)

The TRB SA has distributed [information](#) to all registered SA teachers regarding the introduction of the WWCC on 1 July 2019. The WWCC will become a mandatory requirement for anyone in SA who works or volunteers with children. Teachers *will be required* to have a WWCC as well as a National Police Check. Further details are available on the TRB [website](#) and the AISSA will provide further information to schools in regard to their general staff and volunteers as soon as the [Dept. for Human Services](#) has finalised all details for the scheme.

Reform of the Teachers Registration & Standards Act and Working with Children Check

A consultation paper '[Enhancing Teacher Registration in South Australia](#)' has been released to facilitate the review of the *Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004*. Member schools are invited to attend an [information session](#) to provide feedback on the proposed changes and discuss the requirements for the [new working with children check](#). Schools can also provide feedback via an [online survey](#) or submit written feedback by 31 May 2019.

SchoolsHUB

Information has been forwarded to member schools (email from Carolyn Grantskalns 11 April 2019) regarding the launch of the new Australian Government SchoolsHUB. The SchoolsHUB will progressively replace the functions of two websites schools currently use, the School Entry Point (SEP) and Schools Service Point (SSP).

AITSL 2019 Stakeholder Survey

AITSL is seeking feedback from schools, through a short survey, about how it can best support excellence in teaching and school leadership and create purposeful impact for the teaching profession. Further information about the survey, including access to it, is available via the [website](#).

National Quality Framework Review

The 2019 National Quality Framework review is now underway. The Department for Education and the Education Standards Board are jointly facilitating the South Australian consultation sessions. The [Terms of Reference](#) and an [Issues Paper](#) are available on the dedicated NQF Review [website](#), where providers can also complete an online survey, submit a question, and book in for one of the NQF Review Consultation sessions happening across South Australia in May and June.

2019 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) Guidelines

The [2019 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data \(NCCD\) Guidelines](#) have been released. The Australian Government has also launched the new [NCCD Portal](#) which is intended to contain everything a school needs to know about the NCCD, including; understanding the NCCD, the NCCD phases, resources and tools and professional learning - Disability Standards for Education e-learning, podcasts, webinars.

Diabetes Australia – Diabetes in Schools Principal Advisory Committee

Diabetes Australia is calling for Expressions of Interest from school Principals to join a Diabetes in Schools Principal Advisory Committee. Principals who may be interested should contact [Paul Kidd](#) for further information about the requirements. Nominations close 12 May.

Office of the eSafety Commissioner (OESC)

The OESC was established to promote, enhance and educate about online safety for Australian children. The OESC website includes free [educational resources](#) (primary and secondary), a [teacher](#) professional learning program, [online safety guidance for schools](#), tips and advice for [parents](#) and an [eSafety guide](#) to the latest games, apps and social networking sites. Changes in 2017 expanded the Commissioner's remit to investigate and take action on all serious [cyberbullying complaints](#), [image-based abuse](#) and [offensive and illegal online content](#).

Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2019

The [Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2019](#) commences in October. A small number of additional provisions has been inserted to give effect to the implementation of the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training for Overseas Students 2018, and the commencement of the Education Legislation Amendment (Provider Integrity and Other Measures) Act 2017. The Department of Education and Training will forward information to providers and also provide guidance through PRISMS.

SANiTy Workshop Innovation and Best Practice in Pre Departure Information

SANiTy is providing a workshop on the latest developments in pre-departure information for providers of international education on Friday 24 May. Further information is available via the ISANA [website](#).

Encounter Youth

Encounter Youth is the leading provider of alcohol and other drug education in South Australian High Schools. State Government Funding supporting Encounter Youth's education is allowing them to offer their full-day program, usually costing \$3,000+GST, at a significantly reduced price to AISSA member schools. Interested schools should [email](#) Encounter Youth.



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Compliance Dates

Tuition Protection Levy	Payment due May Further Information: Australian Government - Tuition Protection Service
NAPLAN (Paper)	NAPLAN Paper test period 14 - 16 May NAPLAN Paper test - final date for students absent for a particular test to catch up 17 May NAPLAN Paper test security period 20 May - 31 May Further Information: National Assessment Program
NAPLAN (Online)	NAPLAN Online Test Period 14 - 24 May NAPLAN Online Test security period 27 - 31 May Further Information: National Assessment Program
School Card	Term 2 collection date, 17 May Further Information: Department for Education - External Relations
Fringe Benefit Tax	Statutory date for return 21 May Further Information: ATO - Fringe Benefits Tax
Workplace Gender Equality Act	Workforce reports due for applicable schools (100 employees or more) 31 May Further Information: Workplace Gender Equality Agency - Reporting
Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)	AGM must be held by 31 May for schools incorporated under the Act Further Information: Consumer and Business Services - Incorporated Associations
DECD Preschool Data Collection	Term 2 Collection due 31 May (reference period 6 - 17 May) Enquiries: Libby Worrell

A full list of 2019 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA website www.ais.sa.edu.au. Not all compliance dates may be applicable to all schools. Schools are advised to check with the relevant authorities if they are unsure.

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