



Association of
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Important Issues

AISSA AGM and Leaders' Dinner

The AISSA AGM is being held on Thursday 13 June at the National Wine Centre. The AGM will be followed by the Leaders' Dinner, where the guest speaker will be the South Australian State Government Treasurer, the Hon Rob Lucas. Please contact [Lynn Carter](#) if you have any questions regarding either the AGM or the dinner.

Federal Election

There have been no changes to the education portfolio responsibilities as a result of the Federal Election with the Hon Dan Tehan and the Hon Tanya Plibersek remaining Minister and Shadow Minister for Education and Training respectively. The Federal Budget 2019-20 contained a number of announcements related to school education, which have yet to be legislated, including \$30.2 million in 2019-20 for a Local School Community Fund. The AISSA will monitor the progress of the legislation once introduced, including whether the fund is open to both government and non-government education sectors.

Australian Government Recurrent Funding

The Department of Education and Training is proceeding with work on the Direct Income Measure based on personal income tax for calculating a school's SES which is due to commence in 2020. The work remains subject to strict confidentiality requirements. The AISSA reiterates its position that the measure must be fit for purpose and appropriately validated before any changes are introduced. As previously advised, ISV has produced an updated funding calculator for non-systemic schools, which can assist schools to model the impacts of a change in SES based on personal income tax data. Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you are interested in obtaining a copy of the new version.

State Government Recurrent Funding

The AISSA is close to finalising its negotiations with the State Government on State Government funding post 2019. The key issue is how to transition schools both below and above "the model" to their state share of the SRS in a fair and reasonable manner. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding State Government funding.

State Government Recurrent Funding – Accountability Requirements

The Department for Education has forwarded to all non-systemic schools and system authorities a letter and template form to assist them to meet the State Recurrent Funding Deed financial accountability requirements (email from Education.ExternalRelations@sa.gov.au). The accountability requirements are due to be completed by 30 June.

State Government Capital Grants

It is expected that the acquittal documents and grant applications will be forwarded to eligible schools soon.

Student Background Data Collection

A letter was sent by email Thursday 6 June to all Approved Authorities regarding an amendment to the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* which enables the provision to ACARA of full cohort parent background data (see also email from Carolyn Grantskalns, 7 June). The letter states that there is no requirement for schools to provide the data in 2019. Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the data request. Further information on the collection is available via the ACARA [website](#).

Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-discrimination Legislation

The Australian Government has tasked the ALRC with conducting an Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-discrimination Legislation. The ALRC is seeking information from schools which are willing to share their Codes of Conduct for students and staff, recruitment policies, and any enrolment or employment agreements which set out the school's expectations for staff, students and family members. The documents can be treated as confidential on request. A Discussion Paper is anticipated to be released in late 2019. Further information regarding the Inquiry has been forwarded to member schools via email from Carolyn Grantskalns (11 June) and is available on the [website](#).

Working With Children Checks

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) commences on 1 July 2019. A briefing with further information has been forwarded to member schools via the latest Primary and Secondary/ Combined Heads meetings. It is strongly recommended that schools read this briefing as the changes will have impacts on the operations of all schools. Please contact [Mary Pickett](#) or [Sonia Albertini](#) if you have any questions regarding the WWCC.

Annual Wage Review Decision 2018-2019

The Fair Work Commission has handed down its Annual Wage Review 2018-2019 decision. From the first pay period on or after 1 July 2019 the national minimum wage will increase to \$740.80 per week, calculated on the basis of a week of 38 ordinary hours, which equates to an increase of 3%. Further information has been forwarded to member schools via the Primary and Secondary/Combined Heads meetings. Please contact [Sonia Albertini](#) or [Elizabeth Sexton](#) if you have any questions regarding the decision.

AITSL Resources

AITSL has updated the [Improving Teacher Professional Learning](#) resources. The resources include new practical PL guides for [leaders](#) as well as planning for effective PL templates and four video case studies including one on [Calvary Lutheran Primary School](#) at Morphett Vale.

AITSL: Spotlight - Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers

A new [report](#) looking at HALTs and their impact has been released. The report provides a national insight for the first time into who HALTs are, where they are working, and the impact of certification on the profession. For further information about Certification in SA Independent schools, go to the AISSA [website](#) or contact [Mary Pickett](#).

First Nations Bedtime Stories Challenge

The [First Nations Bedtime Stories Challenge](#) provides schools with access to five unique short films which share stories from Central Australian Aboriginal peoples and introduce some Aboriginal words in languages rarely heard. The money raised will help with the recording, preserving and sharing of important First Nations cultures.

ACARA Years 5 to 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Science Elaborations

ACARA has released the Years 5 to 6 Science Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elaborations Teacher Background notes. These notes provide content knowledge for each new elaboration and teacher resources and build on the Years 7 to 10 Teacher Background notes released last year.

NAIDOC Week 7-14 July 2019

NAIDOC week is an occasion for all Australians to come together to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - the oldest continuing cultures on earth. The theme for 2019 is '[Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future](#)'.

Narragunnawali: Reconciliation Action Plans for Schools and ELCs

A growing number of Independent schools and their ELCs have Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs). A [Narragunnawali RAP](#) can be completed online in a one-day workshop, and needs to be reviewed annually. The AISSA Consultant can facilitate the one-day workshop and provide advice on both implementation and annual reviews. If you would like support with your RAP please contact [Monica Williams](#).



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Compliance Dates

School Card	Term 2 collection date, 21 October Further Information: Department of Education - External Relations
STATS	Reporting of Semester 1 Student Attendance on SchoolsHub commences 28 June Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
STATS	Reference period for the Semester 1 collection of Student Attendance Data closes 28 June / 5 July Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
School Performance Reporting	Annual Report due 30 June Further Information: Australian Education Regulation 2013
Financial Questionnaire	Due 30 June Further Information: SchoolsHUB
Financial Acquitall	Due 30 June Further Information: SchoolsHUB
State Government Funding Deed	Financial accountability requirements due 30 June Enquiries: Carolyn Grantskalns
Associations Incorporation Act 1985	Final date for applicable incorporated associations to lodge periodic return, 30 June Further Information: Consumer and Business Services - Associations and Cooperatives <i>Note: See ACNC reporting requirements for charities in South Australia to determine whether reporting is required</i>
ACNC	2018 Annual Information Statement due 30 June for charities with an approved 1 January to 31 December reporting period Further Information: ACNC - Annual Information Statement

A full list of 2019 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA [website](#). 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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