



Association of
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of South Australia

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Important Issues

Australian Government Funding

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has written to the Minister for Education, the Hon Dan Tehan, seeking clarification from the Minister as to whether he considers that the current 2020 commencement date for the calculation of the new SES scores based on the direct income measure will enable the sector to have confidence that the new measure has been rigorously trialled and validated. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding Australian Government funding.

Australian Government Funding – ISV Calculator Tool

Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) has made available to SA Independent schools a calculator tool to enable them to model future funding levels including the potential impact of moving to a direct income measure SES score. Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you would like to access a copy of the tool.

Combined Heads Meeting

The Combined Primary and Secondary Heads Meeting will be held at 2:00pm, Thursday 15 August at the AISSA. Key topics for discussion will include future Australian Government Recurrent funding in light of the move to a direct income measure for calculating a school's SES, the new Working With Children Check requirements and the review of the students with disability loading. Representatives from the Teachers Registration Board will also present on: Transition to Full Registration Information for Leaders. An information session on the ISV isAnalyse tool will follow the meeting. Please RSVP your attendance to [Alison Hollis](#).

AISSA Staff News

The AISSA welcomes Mr Glen Shipley who has been appointed to the position of Business Manager. Mr Shipley has most recently been Acting Business Manager at Heritage College. He can be contacted by [email](#) or by phone on 8179 1404 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr Shipley replaces Mrs Leisa Humphrey who has left to pursue other employment opportunities. The AISSA would like to thank Mrs Humphrey for her service and commitment to the organisation and its member schools. We wish her well in her new role.

Working With Children Check (WWCC)

The Department of Human Services has posted a series of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) related to the requirements for the new WWCC. The Department for Education also has an [online tool](#) which can assist schools in determining when a WWCC is required. Please contact [Sonia Albertini](#) if you have any questions regarding the check.

Extended transition window for NAPLAN online

At the June Education Council meeting Education Ministers agreed to extend the implementation of NAPLAN online to 2021. The Education Department has indicated that the majority of government schools will still transition to NAPLAN online next year. The AISSA strongly recommends that all remaining paper schools continue to participate in this year's SRT, to gauge their readiness. In Term 4, and in light of the SRT experience, Independent schools can then decide their preferred mode of testing for 2020. For further information, please contact [Lynda Secombe](#).

State Government July Payment

The first round of the State Government July payment has been paid. The State Government is making the payment in several rounds as it must be in receipt of the signed Recurrent

Funding Deed prior to processing any payment. Schools which have not yet returned the Deed are urged to do so urgently.

National School Chaplaincy Program – Professional Learning Package (PLP)

Under the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) Chaplains/Religious Pastoral Support Workers funded by the program must complete a three hour online [professional learning package \(PLP\)](#) aimed at assisting those in this role to respond to and prevent cyberbullying. While funded positions have up to 18 months from July 2019 to complete the training, it is recommended that the training is undertaken as soon as practicable. Further information on the PLP is available via the [website](#). Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) or [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding this requirement.

Local Schools Community Fund

Applications are now open for the Local Schools Community Fund (the Fund). The Fund is open to all schools provided the school's local MP participates in the fund. Further information, including the Guidelines, is available on the [website](#). Applications close 5:00pm AEST, 30 September 2019.

Melbourne Declaration Consultation

Consultations are being held on the Review of the *Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians*. In South Australia, events are being held in:

- [Adelaide on 5 August](#) – with a focus on early years and primary education
- [Adelaide on 6 August](#) – with a focus on secondary and higher education and training
- [Gawler on 7 August](#) – with a focus on the local issues

To register click on a location above. A [national webinar](#) will also be held on 22 August 2019.

Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission – External Conduct Standard

Registered charities that operate overseas must now comply with a set of standards, the External Conduct Standards, that govern how a registered charity must manage its activities and resources outside Australia. Further information is available via the [ACNC website](#).

Be You: National Mental Health Initiative

[Be You](#) is a national, federally funded initiative designed for educators and leadership that promotes mental health and wellbeing, from the early years to 18. Be You is led by Beyond Blue, with delivery partners Early Childhood Australia and **headspace**. Currently 77 Independent Schools in SA are registered. To register your school, or to check if you are already registered click [here](#). Further information is available via the [Be You website](#) or [Mary Pickett](#) (AISSA).

2019 Phonics Screening Check for AISSA Member Schools

The 2019 UK Phonics Screening Check has been made available to AISSA member schools, with thanks to the Department for Education and the Hon John Gardner MP, Minister for Education. Member schools may access the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test and related materials during Term 3 from Monday 2 September. The 2018 materials [remain available](#) on the AISSA website should schools wish to familiarise themselves with the Check prior to the release of the 2019 materials.

SAFEWORK SA

SafeWork SA are currently working on developing processes and resources to assist young people to be safe in the workplace. A copy of the Young Workers Action Plan, launched in 2018, can be found on the SafeWork SA [website](#) Jason Mavrikis, WHS Advisor, SafeWork SA Education Team, is available to visit schools to participate in these school programs and talk to groups of students and teachers. Jason can be contacted by [email](#).

Scam Warning: Scams Targeting the Australian Public and International Chinese Students

The Australian Federal Police have released a [media release](#) outlining “complex social engineering fraud and telephone scams currently targeting the Chinese community in Australia, particularly international students.” Further information in Mandarin is available [here](#).

Centre for Program Evaluation – FATE Survey Round 2

The Centre for Program Evaluation has been commissioned to develop a framework to guide approaches to promoting teacher professional growth and to assist schools to select useful and valid assessments or practices that facilitate professional growth and improvement in teaching practice (the 'FATE study'). The [second round of the survey is now open](#). The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete and closes in August 2019.



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Compliance Dates

STATS	Final date for reporting Semester 1 Student Attendance on SchoolsHUB, 2 August Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
DET Census	Census day, 2 August Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
School Card	Term 3 collection date, 2 August Further Information: Department for Education - External Relations
BGA Capital Grants Program	Master Plan grant applications for August review closing date, 7 August Further Information: Capital Grants Program (BGA)
DET Census	Statutory Declaration to be completed, 9 August Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
ATO Annual Reporting	PAYG payment summary annual report due, 14 August Further Information: ATO Annual Reporting
DET Census	Special circumstances applications must be completed and returned to DET, 16 August Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
DECD Preschool Data Collection	Term 3 collection due date (reference period 29 July – 9 August) - includes Annual Census, 23 August Enquiries: Lynda Secombe
School Card	Term 3 collection date, 6 September Further Information: Department for Education - External Relations
STATS	Commencement date for reporting Term 3 Student Attendance on SchoolsHUB, 20 September Further Information: Schools Service Point Help

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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