



Association of
Independent Schools
of South Australia

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Important Issues

Message from the AISSA Chief Executive, Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns

On behalf of the AISSA I would like to thank all member schools for their support throughout the year and wish you and your communities a safe and restful Christmas and holiday break. I look forward to working with you all in 2020.

New Member School

The AISSA welcomes the Specialised Assistance School for Youth (SASY) to membership. SASY provides an alternative educational setting for students with high-level needs.

Credit Union SA

The AISSA would like to express its appreciation to Credit Union SA for its role as principal sponsor of AISSA professional development programs.

Launch of the AISSA Stretch RAP

The Premier of South Australia, the Hon Steven Marshall, officially launched the AISSA's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan on Friday 8 November. The Stretch RAP builds on the significant achievements of the AISSA's 2015-2018 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. The AISSA would like to express its thanks to the Premier for making the time to attend. It was a privilege to have Ngarrindjeri and Kaurna Elder, Major Moogy Sumner, conduct the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony prior to the launch which was also attended by Ms Shona Reid, Reconciliation SA Executive Director and the Minister for Education, the Hon John Gardner.

Noel Volk Awards 2019

The 2019 recipients of the Noel Volk Awards, which recognise outstanding support of and contribution to the Independent school sector, were announced at the AISSA Appreciation Function on Thursday 21 November. The AISSA congratulates Ms Anne Dunstan, Pulteney Grammar School, Mr Jason Fay, St Paul Lutheran School, Ms Leila Mattner, St Paul Lutheran School, and Mr Marcel Rijken, Temple Christian College, on their awards.

Bushfire Season Update

A memo has been forwarded to member schools with information regarding the 2019/20 bushfire season (email from [Carolyn Grantskalns](#), 19 November). It is strongly recommended that schools [subscribe to the CFS email subscription service](#) for the latest information about bushfire warnings.

Congratulations

The AISSA congratulates Rosemary Kadow, AISSA Educational Consultant, for her ALEA Distinguished Service Award and her Educators SA Award – Educators Supporting Educators.

Australian Government Funding

Representatives from the Independent school sector have met with the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Dan Tehan, regarding the implications for schools negatively affected by the move to a direct income measure (DIM) for calculating a school's SES. The Australian Government is still anticipating advising schools of their DIM score in late January 2020.

State Government Recurrent Funding

The AISSA is negotiating with the State Government on future State Government funding. It is likely that the December payment will again be paid late in December this year. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding State Government funding.



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SAFA School Loans Scheme

Round 6 of the scheme is now [open](#) and closes 28 February 2020.

National School Chaplaincy Program

It is anticipated that schools will be advised of grant amounts for 2020 in the week ending 13 December. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) or [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

Early Childhood Services and Immunisation Requirements

On 1 July 2019, changes to the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 came into effect, allowing the Chief Public Health Officer to exclude susceptible children from early childhood services in the event of an outbreak or possible outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease. From 1 January 2020, the Act requires early childhood services to keep a copy of all immunisation records provided for each child enrolled in or attending that service and for the period of the child's enrolment. SA Health has developed two Frequently Asked Questions resources to assist providers and parents with this process. These will be published on the SA Health [Early Childhood Services and Immunisation Records](#) webpage.

Religious Freedom Legislation

The Australian Government has announced that the religious freedom laws will not be introduced until 2020. The Government intends to issue a revised draft of the Religious Discrimination Act for consultation before the end of the year.

'Tell Helen' Postcard Project

Responses to the Tell Helen Postcard Project, which is aimed at encouraging South Australian children aged 8 – 12 years to let the Commissioner for Children and Young People know what is important to them, are due by Friday 13 December. Further information is available via the [website](#).

Wellbeing and Engagement Collection 2020

The [wellbeing and engagement collection](#) (WEC) is a free and voluntary survey, conducted by the SA Department for Education, which collects information from students in Years 4 to 12 about how they think and feel about their experiences, both inside and outside of school. Participating schools will receive a [report](#) based on student findings. Schools can [register](#) now for 2020. For further queries please email: education.WEC@sa.gov.au or contact [Mary Pickett](#).

Launch of Escape, Hide, Tell

Escape, Hide, Tell is a guide for all members of the public on what to do in a situation where there is an attack. More information, including the training materials and downloadable posters, can be found on the [National Security website](#).

Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) Update

From January 2020 the SA Department for Education will be managing all KS:CPC training. Three training courses are available: General, Early Years focus and Disability focus. Further information, and online bookings for central courses, can be made via the Department's [KS:CPC Information for Educators website](#) or please contact [Mary Pickett](#).

e-Safety Education

The [eSafety Office](#) and the Australian Federal Police-led [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) (ACCCE) and the [ThinkUKnow](#) program have developed a [Guide](#) to help Principals and leadership teams to manage incidents involving explicit material. The guide and [checklist](#) provide support and advice to help leaders respond effectively to incidents of sharing explicit material. eSafety has also developed a draft [Online Safety Education Framework](#) to guide future Australian school based online safety education initiatives and to help schools assess the quality of programs and approaches. In 2020 eSafety will undertake targeted consultations to test and refine the framework. For more information please contact [Mary Pickett](#).



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Compliance Dates

Update Details	Update details of changes to key personnel on SchoolsHUB, ongoing Further Information: SchoolsHUB
Update Details	Ensure details are accurate on Child Care Management System (CCMS) Further Information: DET - Child Care Subsidy
Update Details	Advise DoE External Relations of any changes to key personnel, ongoing Further Information: DoE - External Relations
STATS	Reference period* commences for the collection of Student Attendance Data (DET) January/ February *Reference Period: 'the first school day of the year through to and including the last school day of Semester 1, or until the Friday on or before 30 June if there is no break in June/July' Further Information: Schools Service Point Help
Superannuation	Quarterly Payment due 28 January Further Information: ATO-Superannuation
Teachers Registration Board	Census undertaken in February.
Capital Grants Program	BGA Round 2021 Stage 2 Capital Grant applications closing date 7 February Further Information: Capital Grants Program (BGA)
NAPLAN	Student registration data due 10 February AISSA Contact: Emily Metelmann
Student Residential Address Collection	2020 collection undertaken in March Further Information: SchoolsHUB

A full list of 2020 Compliance dates will be available on the AISSA website www.ais.sa.edu.au early in Term 1. Not all compliance dates may be applicable to all schools.

AISSA Office Closure

The AISSA Office will close at 12 noon on Friday 20 December and reopen on Monday 6 January. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you require assistance over this period.

Authorised by Carolyn Grantskalns
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