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Important Issues

COVID-19 Update

As previously advised, a range of activities previously banned in schools are now permitted. These include school assemblies, class photos, intrastate camps and excursions, interstate camps (excluding Victoria, ACT, NSW), school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals (including inter-school competitions, use of shower facilities is not permitted), inter-school choirs, bands and other performing arts activities, school formals, socials and discos, presentation nights and open days, playgroups and occasional care, and larger face-to-face professional learning activities. Parents, volunteers, and other service providers can enter school and preschool grounds. All external service providers and volunteers should complete a COVID-19 site access form on entry. Updated SA Health advice regarding camps has been forwarded to schools (email from Carolyn Grantskalns, 26 June 2020).

The current experiences in Victoria and New South Wales have demonstrated the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and it is important to remain prepared to deal with any future outbreaks. It is strongly recommended that physical contact (even between students) should continue to be limited and non-physical greetings be encouraged. Staff, students, parents or visitors who are unwell, should stay home and if they have symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild, get tested. All employees and adults on school sites, including parents, should continue to follow the density and physical distancing guidelines outlined by SA Health, that is, no more than 1 person per 2 square metres in an enclosed space and maintain a minimum social distance of 1.5 metres. All COVID-19 Updates for school leaders are available on the AISSA [website](#). A range of information is also available on the [State Government COVID-19 website](#) including the latest [Travel Restrictions](#), [Emergency Declarations and Directions](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Meeting of Primary and Secondary/Combined Heads

The annual meeting of Primary and Secondary/Combined Heads will be held by Zoom on Wednesday 5 August. Further information will be forwarded to member schools. The Minister for Education, the Hon John Gardner will be a special guest at the meeting.

Extension of JobKeeper Payment

The government has announced proposed changes to the JobKeeper Payment program including an extension of the program through to 28 March 2021, a requirement for businesses to demonstrate an ongoing decline in actual GST turnover, and a change in JobKeeper payment rates for eligible employees, based on average hours worked. Further information is available via the JobKeeper extension [fact sheet](#).

Independent Schools Australia (ISA)

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) is now known as Independent Schools Australia (ISA). The change of name represents an evolution of the organisation and is being implemented to better reflect the organisation's national structure. ISA will continue to perform the same roles and provide the same services it did under the ISCA name.

2020/21 Capital Grants – Schools with 2011 SES 110 and Below

The 2020/21 State Government Capital Grant Guidelines and Applications were sent to eligible schools on Friday 17 July 2020. The closing date to complete and return the application form for all schools including those which have sought an extension to the acquittal, is 31 July 2020. Projects will need to be completed by 30 June 2021. Approved authorities will again be required to sign a funding deed for the one year term.

STATS Update Delay

The request for student attendance data remains on hold while DESE wait for AESOC and the Education Council to decide what will be required going forward, as a result of the Covid pandemic. Approved authorities will be notified once a decision has been made.

2020 Non-Government School Census - New Upload Tool

DESE has introduced changes to the way that the 2020 non-government school census will be conducted including the use of a new data format. Updated information including a demonstration of the new upload tool is available on the [SchoolsHUB](#). DESE has indicated that it will provide an information session on the new tool, which will be held via Microsoft Teams, 10 am – 11 am (ACST) Tuesday 4 August. The link will be forwarded to member schools as soon it is available. The Independent school sector has raised its significant concerns with regard to the Department's timeline for schools to become familiar with a new process and tool.

2020 Phonics Screening Check for AISSA member schools

The 2020 UK Year 1 Phonics Screening Check has again been made available to AISSA member schools. The student materials and answer sheet can be accessed via the [Leading Learning and Teaching section](#) of the AISSA website during Term 3 from Monday 31 August. PSC materials (excluding the student materials and answer sheet) are now available.

Working with Children Check Update

The transitional arrangements under the [Working with Children Check](#) (WWCC) requirements which permitted employees, volunteers and contractors to submit a [National Police Certificate](#) (NPC) ceased as of 1 July 2020. As such, all South Australians working or volunteering with children must hold a WWCC to enable them to continue to work with children. Other transitional arrangements continue to apply for people who have a current and valid DCSI/DHS and teachers with current registration. For further information, please download the [Working with Children Check Information Kit](#) or contact [Sonia Albertini](#) or [Mary Pickett](#). Applications can be made through screening.sa.gov.au/wwcc.

[Australian Road Safety Foundation \(ARSF\) Program for Year 9 Students](#)

[RoadSet](#) is a free and innovative Ed-tech tool which features ten modules covering road safety issues related to pedestrians, passengers, cyclists, skateboard and scooter riders and ultimately becoming a safe driver. Developed by the ARSF, the modules in [RoadSet](#) aim to support the quality teaching and learning of road safety in school and community road safety education programs. They are free to use and can be accessed on computers, smartphones and tablets. [Educator resources](#) are also provided. The activities are aligned to the [Year 9 and 10 Australian Curriculum Health and Physical Education](#). For further information please contact [Mary Pickett](#).

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Collection 2020 Term 3

As a result of disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department for Education will run a second [Wellbeing and Engagement Collection](#) (WEC) in weeks 7 to 9 in Term 3. This is a free and voluntary survey, which collects information from students in Years 4 to 12 about non-academic factors relevant to learning and participation and includes questions related to areas of development linked to wellbeing, health and academic achievement. Participating schools receive an extensive report, ([sample report](#)) but individual students are not identified and schools, classrooms and students are not compared. To register your school to participate in Term 3 please [click here](#). For further information please email: education.WECSA@sa.gov.au or contact [Mary Pickett](#).

Copyright 4 Educators August 2020 online course

Enrolments are now open for the next Copyright 4 Educators online course which begins on 3 August 2020. To enrol please fill in the [form](#). Further information is available via the Smartcopying [website](#).

National School Chaplaincy Program – Compulsory Professional Learning Package (PLP)

Chaplains funded under the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) are required to complete a [three hour online professional learning package \(PLP\)](#) aimed at responding to and preventing cyberbullying. If the training is not completed within the required timeframe the school will not be eligible for funding in 2021. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) or [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding this requirement or the program in general.



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Compliance Dates

Superannuation	Quarterly Payment due 28 July Further Information: ATO-Superannuation
School Card	Term 3 collection date, 31 July Further Information: DfE - External Relations
DESE Commonwealth Census	Census Date 7 August Further Information: SchoolsHUB
DECD Preschool Data Collection	Term 3 Data Collection 7-21 August (reference period 27 July – 7 August)
DESE Commonwealth Census	Commonwealth Census Statutory Declaration must be completed 14 August Further Information: SchoolsHUB
PAYG	Payment summary annual report due 14 August Further Information: ATO Annual Reporting
Compliance Certificate	2019 Compliance Certificate opens 17 August 2020 (closes 25 September 2020) Further Information: SchoolsHUB
DESE Commonwealth Census	Special circumstances applications must be completed and returned to DESE 21 August Further Information: SchoolsHUB
Financial Questionnaire	Closes 31 August Further Information: SchoolsHUB
Financial Accountability	Closes 31 August Further Information: SchoolsHUB
ACNC	Annual Information due 31 August Further Information: ACNC - Charity Operations and COVID
Capital Grants Program	Closing date for BGA Master Plan grant applications for review, 2 September Further Information: Capital Grants Program (BGA)

A full list of 2020 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA website www.ais.sa.edu.au. Not all compliance dates may be applicable to all schools and COVID-19 may impact on some dates. Schools are advised to check with the relevant authorities if they are unsure.

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