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### Important Issues

#### Noel Volk Awards for Excellence

As previously advised, the 2020 Noel Volk Awards were unable to be held as scheduled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and were therefore postponed until 2021. The award winners were announced on Thursday 25 February 2021 at an event held with the AISSA Board. The AISSA congratulates the 2020 award winners:

- Mr Don Grimmatt, Principal, King's Baptist Grammar School
- Dr Peta Smith, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and External Relations, Department for Education
- Ms Andrea Sherwood, Director of Learning, Westminster School
- Mr Paul Bannister, Director of Student Learning, Concordia College
- Mr Nigel Bartlett, Manager, Funding and Accountability, Independent Schools Victoria.

The Noel Volk Awards recognise individuals who have provided generous support and have contributed to the high-quality work of the AISSA.

#### New AISSA Member School

The AISSA is pleased to welcome Ngutu College to the membership. Ngutu College commenced operations on 1 February and is a non-denominational, co-educational school for students from Reception to Year 7. The College's mission is to be a model for the integration of Aboriginal knowledges and formal curriculum in experiential learning environments, and it will collaborate with Kurna Elders and community leaders in its endeavours to honour the intent of this mission. The College is located at Woodville North.

#### AISSA Board

The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has concluded the election process for the AISSA Board Office Bearers with Mr Luke Ritchie announced as the new AISSA Board Chair and Mr Kristian Downing elected to the position of Deputy Chair. Mr Ritchie takes over as Board Chair from Mr Downing who has completed the maximum term permitted in this position under the AISSA Constitution. Mr Downing brought energy, commitment and vision to the role of Chair and the AISSA thanks him for his service in this role. Mr Ritchie is the Principal of Annesley College and has served on the AISSA Board since August 2018. The AISSA congratulates both Mr Ritchie and Mr Downing and thanks all Board members for their continued service to the AISSA.

#### AISSA Staff News

The AISSA is pleased to have welcomed Ms Deb Virgo to the position of Administrative Officer in January. Deb has joined the AISSA having had considerable experience of working in Independent schools, most recently at Concordia College and Wilderness School. Deb is providing support to both the Metapraxis Project and Student Agency Lab in addition to the other programs run by the Leadership Institute and can be contacted by [email](#). The AISSA sadly farewelled Mr Justin Wilkey, Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor, on Friday 5 March 2021. Justin has been awarded the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Doctorate of Education Scholarship – Curricula Project Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne. The AISSA would like to express its thanks to Justin for his work in establishing the mentoring program and wishes him well in the future. The scholarship is a wonderful recognition of Justin's knowledge and skills.

### **Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor**

The AISSA is still seeking to fill the position of Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor. Please contact [Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding the position or are aware of any potential candidates.

### **Choice and Affordability Fund (CAF) – Business Development Grant Program**

Under the Australian Government Choice and Affordability Fund (CAF), the AISSA is contracting Resolve Consulting to work with selected non-Lutheran member schools which are experiencing challenges to financial viability. A separate program for Lutheran schools is being funded under the CAF through LESNW. The program is targeted at schools which have been impacted by external factors such as drought, bushfires, changed economic circumstances and/or the COVID-19 pandemic. The application form and further information has been forwarded to member schools (email from Carolyn Grantskalns, 2 March 2021). Applications are due COB Friday 12 March 2021. Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

### **Parent Initiatives in Education (PIE) Grant Program**

Applications for the 2021 PIE Grant Program are due by COB Friday 12 March 2021. The application form has been forwarded to schools (email for Carolyn Grantskalns, Monday 15 February 2021). The PIE grants are intended to support schools and preschools and their communities to develop innovative projects or initiatives which will:

- encourage and promote greater participation of parents and caregivers who are not well represented in their school and preschool decision making and / or
- increase parent and caregivers' understanding of what children are learning and how they can support their child's learning and education at home and through positive relationships with educators.

Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

### **National School Chaplaincy Program**

The 2021 Grants will be paid to participating schools on Tuesday, 16 March 2021. Schools which have a change in personnel in the position funded under the program are required to advise the AISSA as soon as practicable. The completion of the [three hour online professional learning package \(PLP\)](#) is a requirement for all new Chaplains/Religious Support Workers. Please contact [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

### **Upcoming Professional Learning from the AISSA Leadership Institute**

The next session in the HR Legal series of workshops [Managing a Child Protection Breach](#) is scheduled for 23 March 2021. [The Leading Momentum Series](#), facilitated by David Runge from Adaptive Edge Consulting is based on the premise that organisational culture has a powerful effect on the performance and long-term effectiveness of organisations, including schools. It provides an exciting opportunity for school leaders to unpack the concept of school culture, articulate the desired future culture and develop a vision and strategy to ensure these are achieved.

### **Additional Round of State Government Capital Grants 2020/2021**

Applications for the State Government additional capital funding round are anticipated to be sent to schools in the near term. Please contact [Carolyn Grantskalns](#) if you have any questions regarding the additional round.

### **Infectious Diseases – Exclusion from childcare, preschool, school and work**

SA Health have produced an [information sheet](#) which provides advice on the minimum periods of exclusion from school, preschool and childcare centres for cases of, and contact with, infectious diseases. Information is also available on the SA Health [website](#).

### **2021 South Australian Training Awards**

Applications are now open for the 25th year of South Australian Training Awards, the State's peak awards for Vocational Education and Training (VET). This year, there will be 12 awards presented. Further information, including details regarding the categories, is available via the Training and Skills Commission [website](#).

### **NAIDOC Week – Local Grant Application Opportunities**

Local Grant Applications close Monday 15 March 2021. Further information is available on the Grant Connect [website](#).



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## Compliance Dates

<b>ACARA My School</b>	Principals' Portal preview changes to be submitted by COB 12 March <b>Enquiries:</b> <a href="#">Portal Support</a>
<b>Student Residential Address Collection</b>	Closing date, 12 March <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">SchoolsHUB</a>
<b>Animal Ethics</b>	Closing Date for submission of Application for Categories 4 and 5 Activities or Non-Listed Activities, 31 March <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">AISSA-Animal Ethics</a>
<b>School Card</b>	Term 1 collection date, 3 April <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Department for Education - External Relations</a>
<b>STATS</b>	SchoolsHUB opens for schools to undertake acknowledgement process for the reporting of Student Attendance Data 5 April <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">SchoolsHUB</a>
<b>Capital Grants Program</b>	BGA Round 2022 Stage 3 Capital Grant applications closing date 13 April <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Capital Grants Program (BGA)</a>
<b>TPS Levy</b>	Invoices sent via PRISMS, 23 April <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Australian Government - Tuition Protection Service</a>
<b>Superannuation</b>	Quarterly Payment due 28 April <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">ATO-Superannuation</a>
<b>Copyright</b>	Payment due for schools which access licenses through AISSA 30 April <b>Enquiries:</b> <a href="#">Glen Shipley</a>

A full list of 2021 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA website [www.ais.sa.edu.au](http://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.

Authorised by Carolyn Grantskalns  
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## 2020 Noel Volk Award Winners



Kristian Downing, Carolyn Grantskalns and Don Grimmatt



Kristian Downing, Carolyn Grantskalns and Dr Peta Smith



Kristian Downing and Paul Bannister



Kristian Downing and Andrea Sherwood

\*Nigel Bartlett was unable to attend due to COVID restrictions preventing travel from Victoria