



Strength through diversity

AISWA Strategic Framework



Purpose

Supporting and serving our Independent Schools and their communities to be the best they can be.

Our Core Values

- **Service**
- **Stewardship**
- **Equity**

Statement of Intent

The provision of professional services and advice to promote excellence in Independent Schools, through:

- Effective representation and advocacy for the Independent School sector;
- Promoting the independence of schools and protect their autonomy in ways that contribute to the diversity of educational options for students;
- Maintaining strong relationships with the other education sectors and other education stakeholders;
- Supporting schools in their mission through fostering sound leadership and good governance; and
- Building partnerships between schools.

AISWA Strategic Framework - Implementation

The provision of professional services and advice to promote excellence in Independent Schools, through:

1. Effective representation and advocacy for the Independent School sector;

Communicate our purpose and role to members, governments, stakeholders, and the wider community.

- Communicate our role and purpose to members through conferences, information sessions and ongoing regular communication.
- Strengthen our relationship with the State and Federal Ministers for Education and relevant opposition party personnel.
- Maintain a strong relationship with the other education sectors and other education stakeholders.

Effectively represent and be an advocate for the Independent sector.

- Ensure decision makers at all levels understand the Independent sector and include the sector in consultations and requests for advice.
- Proactively ensure governments and the broader community understand the contribution Independent schools make to society and the economy, and the savings Independent schools provide to the broader community.
- Represent the interests of Independent schools effectively in all forums.

2. Promoting the independence of schools and protect their autonomy in ways that contribute to the diversity of educational options for students;

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- Ensure all stakeholders understand the diversity of schools in the Independent sector and value the contribution schools make to the rich fabric of our society and the economy

3. Maintaining strong relationships with the other education sectors and other education stakeholders;

Be an active player in the education agenda at the state and national levels.

- Participate in state and national forums and consultations to ensure the interests of the Independent sector are taken into account during policy planning and decision-making.
- Communicate with (not for) State and Federal government ministers and bureaucracies to be pro-active in raising issues that impact member schools.
- Partner with other education groups (e.g. universities) to enhance our level of service to members.

4. Supporting schools in their mission through fostering sound leadership and good governance;

Provide high quality services that support excellence in Independent schools and their school communities.

- Ensure schools are fully informed of emerging issues and changing policy directions so they can plan to ensure excellence.
- Work with schools to identify what services will assist them in raising their service to their school community.
- Continue to enhance the support AISWA provides schools to meet compliance and registration requirements.
- Continue to engage external expertise to ensure members receive the highest quality service.

Establish high levels of engagement from members, interest groups and system authorities within the Independent sector.

- Provide a level of service to members which they find useful, meets their needs, and enables them to effectively and efficiently fulfil their role.
- Meet with the system authorities within the sector on a regular basis and assist them meet their members' needs.

Support schools in their mission through fostering good leadership and governance.

- Provide ongoing support to school governors through conferences and seminars.
- Develop links with universities to provide ongoing professional development for leaders and aspiring school leaders.

5. Building partnerships between schools.

Develop unity among the schools in the Independent sector and establish partnerships with governments and non-government organisations for the benefit of schools and the young people in their care.

- Continue to build partnerships between schools, sectors and other educational institutions for the benefit of member schools.