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2027 Professional Learning and Events Calendar

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Welcome to the 2027 Professional Learning and Events Calendar



Chris Massey
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is a pleasure to present the 2027 AISWA Professional Learning and Events Calendar, designed to foster professional growth, strengthen collaboration, and build meaningful connections across Western Australia's Independent school community.

Guided by AISWA's five core pillars: Curriculum and School Improvement, Leadership, Governance and Business Operations, School and Student Support, and Technology and Learning Innovation, the calendar reflects our commitment to providing high-quality professional learning that is practical, relevant, and responsive to the evolving needs of our Members across the state.

In 2027, we look forward to building on these foundations, offering new opportunities to connect, share knowledge, and collaborate through an expanded program of conferences, events, and targeted professional learning initiatives. These opportunities are designed to strengthen professional communities, inspire innovation, and support excellence across Independent schools.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to learning and improvement. We look forward to another year of working together, sharing expertise, and leading positive change to create brighter futures for every child in Western Australia.

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Acknowledgement of Country

AISWA respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we operate, the Wadjak people of the Noongar nation. We pay our respects to Aboriginal Elders past, present, and emerging, as the Traditional Owners of the lands across Australia and acknowledge their continued connection to the land, waters, and community.

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Shaping the Future of Learning Together

As a trusted learning provider, AISWA's priority is to ensure Member Schools remain at the forefront of educational innovation, leadership, development, sound governance and continuous whole-school improvement.

You can engage with AISWA Professional Learning through three flexible modes, designed to meet the diverse needs of individuals and schools, accommodating different locations, group sizes, and schedules.

You Come to Us

Attend professional learning events such as conferences, networks and courses across the state with many events hosted in Perth at AISWA's Professional Learning Suites in Osborne Park. In-person learning provides valuable opportunities to collaborate, network, and build meaningful connections with peers across the education sector in a dynamic, hands-on environment.

We Come to You

Beyond our public events and online offerings, AISWA provides tailored in-school learning and consultancy services across a wide range of topics. These are responsive to the unique contexts and priorities of each Member School. Our consultants work alongside leaders and educators to co-design professional learning programs that support meaningful and sustainable outcomes.

Flexible Online Learning

Access online professional learning from the convenience of your school or home, at a time that suits your busy schedule. AISWA offers a growing range of live and on demand learning opportunities, including webinars, network meetings, and self-paced modules.

AISWA Support Pillars

AISWA's professional learning is shaped by five core pillars, supporting schools across curriculum, leadership, governance, support, and technology. Together, they provide a comprehensive framework to build capacity, enhance practice, and meet the evolving needs of educators and school communities.

Curriculum and School Improvement

- P-12 Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting
- Curriculum Leadership
- Literacy, EAL/D and Numeracy
- Early Childhood
- School Improvement
- High Impact Pedagogies
- Vocational Education and Training
- NAPLAN and Data

Governance and Business Operations

- Governance
- Finance
- School Registration
- Industrial Relations
- Legal
- Policy

AISWA Pillar Partners

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Leadership and Development

- Early Career Teachers
- Emerging Leaders
- Middle Leaders
- Senior and Executive Leaders
- Growing Teacher Practice
- Workforce Support

School and Student Support

- Wellbeing
- Psychology
- Child Safety
- Future Footprints
- Inclusive Education
- First Nations Leadership and Advocacy
- Western Australian Collegiate Schools (WACS)
- Curriculum and Re-engagement in Education Schools (CARE)

Technology and Learning Innovation

- AI in Education
- Microsoft Licensing
- Microsoft Training
- Data Security
- Copilot for Schools
- Adobe Suite
- Technology Hardware
- Systems Innovation



On Demand Learning

BADGED COURSES - for more information visit: ais.wa.edu.au/aiswa-digital-badges

AISWA's on demand learning recognise and support flexibility of access to professional learning outside the constraints of set time and place. Courses have been designed or selected by AISWA professionals and span a multitude of topics, designed to appeal to a wide range of school staff and governing members.

Curriculum and School Improvement

Animal Ethics for Schools
1 hr

Checking for Understanding
1 hr

NEW **Cognitive Load Theory**
1 hr

Feedback that Works
2 hrs

NEW **Fundamentals of Assessment - Micro-course**
15 mins

NEW **Fundamentals of the WA Curriculum - Micro-course**
15 mins

Improving Practice through High Impact Teaching
8 hrs

Introduction to Differentiation
45 mins

Introduction to Feedback
45 mins

On-entry Assessment Program
2 hrs

STEM Module 1
1 hr

STEM Module 2
2 hrs

Using the EAL/D Writing Progress Map
1 hr





Mastering Business in Schools

2 hrs

This course provides a practical induction for Business and Finance Managers working in WA Independent Schools. Participants will develop an understanding of the key business, financial, and operational responsibilities required to effectively support school leadership and governance.

Child Abuse Reporting including Mandatory Reporting

2 hrs

Learn the essentials of child abuse identification and reporting, covering mandatory reporting for staff, governing body members, and volunteers.

School Board Leadership Essentials

8+ hours

Build the confidence and expertise needed to lead and govern effectively in a Western Australian Independent school. Designed for board members, board chairs, and school executives, this practical course strengthens your understanding of governance, strategy, risk, compliance, finance, and stakeholder engagement.

Governance & Business Operations

NEW Mastering Business in Schools
2 hrs

Record Keeping and Notetaking Guidelines for Schools
45 mins

NEW School Board Leadership Essentials
8+ hrs

Leadership & Development

Introduction to Mentoring
45 mins

National Quality Standards (NQS) for Principals and Leaders
1 hr

Teaching in an Independent School
1.5 hrs

School and Student Support

Child Abuse Reporting including Mandatory Reporting
2 hrs

Helping Every Student Hear and Learn
1.5 hrs

NEW Implementation of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations
2 hrs

Responding to and Reporting Online Critical Incidents
45 mins

Supporting Inclusion and Digital Wellbeing
45 mins

Technology and Learning Innovation

Video Editing Rodeo
8+ hrs

Featured Events



2027 Singapore Immersion Tour

Join AISWA for an immersive professional learning experience in Singapore, designed specifically for Heads of Primary and K-6 Curriculum leaders. Through school visits, professional conversations and cultural experiences, participants will gain new perspectives to inform their own approach to leading, learning and ongoing school improvement.



2027 AISWA Aboriginal Community Schools Conference

Join us in Broome for the 2027 AICS Conference, featuring engaging programming, cultural experiences and networking opportunities from across Western Australia. Celebrate shared achievements, strengthen relationships and build future partnerships within this community of schools.



2027 AISWA Leaders Conference

We look forward to hosting senior leaders at the 2027 AISWA Leaders Conference at Optus Stadium, featuring inspiring keynote speakers and opportunities for collaboration, all set against the stunning Swan River backdrop on a memorable afternoon and evening.



2027 CARE Schools Conference

This one-day conference explores innovative, evidence-based strategies and practical tools for CaRE school students. Educators, leaders and allied professionals will connect through expert presentations, workshops and panel discussions, sharing experiences and strengthening inclusive practice across Western Australia's statewide education community.

Professional Networks and Meetings

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School & Student Support Technology & Learning Innovation

Professional networks and meetings offer dynamic opportunities throughout the year for educators to connect, collaborate, and share best practice within a supportive community.

Future Footprints: Coordinators Meeting
17 February
26 May
4 August
27 October

Early Career Teachers Webinar Network
3 March
25 May
24 August
28 October

WACS Meeting
8 March
24 May
23 August
15 November

CaRE Schools Meeting
12 March
28 May
19 November

VET & Careers Network Meeting
12 March
18 June
10 September
19 November

Curriculum Reference Group Meetings
17 March
9 June
1 September
3 November

Chair Connect Sundowner
23 March
26 October

Early Childhood Network Meeting - North
30 March
1 June
24 August

Early Childhood Network Meeting - South
31 March
3 June
25 August

Early Career Principals' Network Series
2 April
11 June
10 September

School Based Psychologists Network Meeting
11 May

AICS Network Meeting: Connecting Communities, Strengthening Learning In The Early Years
19 July
20 July

School Based Psychologists and Counsellors Network Meeting
26 October

Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Network Day
12 November



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

State Education Forum
21 January

TERM 1

WEEK 2

Business Managers Masterclass: The Business of Schools
9 February

Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum: Train the Trainer
Day 1: 11 February
Day 2: 12 February

WEEK 3

Turning Exam Data into Action: Analysing WACE Data in ATAR Biology, Human Biology and Marine & Maritime Studies
15 February

National Certification of HALT – Information Session
16 February

Inclusive Education Symposium
19 February

WEEK 4

RELATE: Rethinking and Reshaping Approaches to Behaviour in a Rapidly Changing World
22 February

Language, Identity and Learning: Practical Approaches for EALD Education
Day 1: 23 February
Day 2: 27 October

Youth Mental Health First Aid
Day 1: 24 February
Day 2: 3 March

Improving Maths Outcomes Series: Building Confident, Capable Mathematicians
Day 1: 24 February
Day 2: 31 March
Day 3: 12 May
Day 4: 10 August
Day 5: 15 September
Day 6: 26 October

Tracks to Literacy: Foundations for Literacy, Academic and Social Success
Day 1: 26 February
Day 2: 21 May
Day 3: 13 August
Day 4: 5 November

Principal Health and Wellbeing Program: Thriving Leaders, Strong Schools
Day 1: 26 February
Day 2: 11 June
Day 3: 13 August
Day 4: 29 October
Day 5: Term 1, 2028

WEEK 5

Impact by Design: Wellbeing Series
Day 1: 2 March
Day 2: 6 April
Day 3: 19 May
Day 4: 16 June
Day 5: 10 August
Day 6: 7 September
Day 7: 17 November
Day 8: 1 December

From Intention to Impact: An Advanced Leadership Journey for Early Childhood Leaders
Day 1: 2 March
Day 2: 10 May
Day 3: 20 August
Day 4: 15 November

From Data to Impact for Leaders: Embedding Data Informed Practice
3 March

Early Career Teachers Webinar Network
Day 1: 3 March
Day 2: 25 May
Day 3: 24 August
Day 4: 28 October

Early Career Teacher Development Program
Day 1: 4 March
Day 2: 5 March

WEEK 6

National Certification of HALT
Day 1: 8 March
Day 2: 31 May
Day 3: 23 August
Day 4: 8 November

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- **The Nature Connection Project**
  Day 1: 8 March
  Day 2: 10 May
  Day 3: 25 October
- **Business Managers Masterclass: Australian Wide Tax and Fringe Benefits Tax**
  9 March
- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Time Management**
  11 March

WEEK 7

- **Early Career Teacher Development Program – Christian Schools Australia** (Invitation Only)
  Day 1: 15 March
  Day 2: 17 June
  Day 3: 3 September
  Day 4: 11 November
- **Registration Seminar**
  16 March
- **Early Career Teachers – Anglischools** (Invitation Only)
  Day 1: 17 March
  Day 2: 4 June
  Day 3: 30 August
- **Thriving in the First Years of Teaching: Managing Expectations, Building Resilience and Sustaining Wellbeing in Independent Schools**
  18 March
- **HIPs 2.0**
  19 March
- **Ready, Responsive and Reflective: Early Career Teachers Project for Early Childhood Teachers**
  Day 1: 19 March
  Day 2: 5 May
  Day 3: 6 August
  Day 4: 10 November

WEEK 8

- **Early Career Teachers: ConnectED** (Invitation Only)
  Week 8, Term 1
  Week 7, Term 2
  Week 6, Term 3
  Week 5, Term 4
- **Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training**
  Day 1: 22 March
  Day 2: 23 March
- **Governance Specifics in an Independent School**
  23 March
- **Wellbeing Network and Workshop: Understanding Bullying and Building a Supportive School Culture**
  24 March
- **Effective Assessment Design Across Year 7-10**
  25 March
- **Purposeful Assessment in Primary Classrooms**
  25 March

WEEK 9

- **Middle Leader Sundowner: Good Conversations. Useful Ideas. New Connections.**
  31 March
- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Curriculum and Pedagogy**
  1 April
- **Early Career Principals' Network Series**
  Day 1: 2 April
  Day 2: 11 June
  Day 3: 10 September

WEEK 10

- **Staff Wellbeing Program: Empowering All Staff**
  Day 1: 5 April
  Day 2: 28 June
  Day 3: 14 September
  Day 4: 18 November
- **Business Managers Masterclass: Financial Governance with John Somerset**
  7 April

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TERM 2

WEEK 1

- **Aboriginal Independent Community Schools Conference**
  Term 2, Week 1
- **Integrating the Curriculum with Concept Based Inquiry**
  Day 1: 30 April
  Day 2: 26 August
  Day 3: 19 October

WEEK 2

- **Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training**
  Day 1: 3 May
  Day 2: 4 May
- **Developing a Digital Pedagogy**
  5 May
- **What Could Education Be? Reggio Emilia as a Provocation for Practice**
  7 May

WEEK 3

- **Integrating Critical and Creative Thinking in the Classroom**
  10 May
- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Leading Difficult Conversations**
  12 May
- **Student Wellbeing: Providing Back to School Support**
  13 May
- **Cultural Responsiveness**
  Day 1: 13 May
  Day 2: 5 August

WEEK 4

- **Leaders Conference**
  17 May
- **Emerging Leaders**
  Day 1: 20 May
  Day 2: 21 May

WEEK 5

- **Leading School Improvement through the ACER SIT**
  24 May
- **Communicating Through Crisis: Putting Theory into Practice**
  25 May
- **Introduction to NAPLAN Connect**
  26 May
- **Teaching Innovation Fellowship**
  Day 1: 26 May
  Day 2: 18 June
  Day 3: 2 August
  Day 4: 8 November
- **Wellbeing Network and Workshop: Effective Responses to Bullying Incidents through a Differential Approach**
  27 May
- **Making a Difference: The Education Assistants Toolkit**
  Day 1: 28 May
  Day 2: 4 August

WEEK 6

- **Senior Leader Series: Recruitment and Retention**
  1 June
- **From Data to Impact for Teachers: Embedding Data Informed Practice in the Classroom**
  1 June
- **NCCD Moderation Sessions**
  3 June
- **NCCD Moderation Sessions**
  4 June

WEEK 7

- **Facilitating Reflective Conversations**
  8 June
- **Women in Leadership**
  Day 2: 9 June
  Day 3: 2 September
  Day 4: 26 November
- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Teachers in Reflective Practice**
  10 June

WEEK 8

- **Digital Literacy for Digital Natives**
  14 June
- **Business Managers Masterclass: Australia Wide Tax and Payroll**
  15 June

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WEEK 9

- **Designing Solutions: STEM for Years 7-10**
  21 June
- **Curious Minds: STEM for Years 3-6**
  21 June
- **Governance Specifics in an Independent School**
  22 June
- **Early Career Teachers – Next Steps** (Invitation Only)
  23 June
- **AICD: Governance Principles for Not-for-profit Directors**
  Day 1: 24 June
  Day 2: 25 June

WEEK 10

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Refresher**
  29 June
- **CVs and Interviews: What Principals Look For When Hiring**
  1 July

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- **Spaces that Shape Learning: Infrastructure Showcase Tour**
  5 July
- **CV Updates, Preparations and Honing your Interview Skills for Teachers**
  Day 1: 5 July
  Day 2: 16 July
- **Advancing Executive Administrators and Senior Assistants in WA Education**
  13 July

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TERM 3

WEEK 1

- **AICS Network Meeting: Connecting Communities, Strengthening Learning In The Early Years**
  Day 1: 19 July
  Day 2: 20 July
- **Advancing Executive Administrators and Senior Assistants in WA Education**
  20 July
- **Youth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid**
  Day 1: 21 July
  Day 2: 22 July

WEEK 2

- **Financial Literacy for Board Members and Principals**
  27 July
- **Not Just Kindergarten: Why High-Quality Early Childhood Education is the Smartest Investment a School Can Make**
  28 July
- **Middle Leader Sundowner: Good Conversations. Useful Ideas. New Connections.**
  28 July
- **Track to Identify and Redirect: Supporting Student Wellbeing**
  30 July

WEEK 3

- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Leading Primary School Pastoral Teams**
  3 August
- **Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum: Teacher Training**
  5 August

WEEK 4

- **Business Manager Masterclass: Best Practice Budgeting with Cole School Experts**
  9 August
- **Read, Think, Connect: Making Meaning and Building Comprehension That Transfers**
  11 August
- **From Data to Impact for Leaders: Embedding Data Informed Practice**
  12 August

WEEK 5

- **Teaching With and About Generative AI**
  16 August
- **Early Career Teacher Development Program**
  Day 1: 16 August
  Day 2: 17 August
- **Senior Leader Series: Crisis Management**
  17 August
- **Leading Career Development in Independent Schools**
  18 August
- **Deeper Dive into NAPLAN Connect**
  19 August

WEEK 6

- **Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training**
  Day 1: 23 August
  Day 2: 24 August
- **Formative Assessment and Feedback for Years 3-10**
  25 August
- **Working Together: Collaborative Learning and Assessment Across Years 3-10**
  25 August
- **Deeper Dive into NAPLAN Connect: Guided Analysis into your School's NAPLAN Data**
  25 August
- **CaRE School Conference**
  27 August

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WEEK 7

- **HIPs 2.0 Enrich**
  30 August
- **Business Manager Masterclass: Exploring Workplace Health and Safety and Contractor Risk Management**
  31 August
- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Leading Family-School Partnerships**
  1 September

WEEK 8

- **Business Manager Masterclass: Beyond the Ledger, Accounting Standards and Financial Reporting for NFPs**
  8 September
- **Wellbeing Network and Workshop: Learning Needs and Trauma-Informed Strengths-Based Practice**
  9 September

WEEK 10

- **Wellbeing Network and Workshop: The Reality of School Life, Navigating Complexity, Pressure And Imperfections**
  22 September



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TERM 4

WEEK 2

- **Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training**
  Day 1: 18 October
  Day 2: 19 October
- **Cause for Concern? AI Literacy for Students**
  21 October
- **Getting Started with Pedagogical Approach of Bookmaking**
  Day 1: 21 October
  Day 2: 22 October

WEEK 3

- **Leading School Improvement through the ACER SIT**
  25 October
- **Funding Unpacked: What Business Managers Need to Know**
  27 October
- **Middle Leader Masterclass: Building High Performing Teams**
  28 October

WEEK 4

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid**
  Day 1: 1 November
  Day 2: 2 November
- **Wellbeing: Teaching with Balance**
  4 November

WEEK 5

- **Senior Leader Series: Staff Performance, Growth and Development**
  9 November
- **Connecting the Curriculum: Embedding the Cross-Curriculum Prioirites and General Capabilities**
  10 November
- **Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Network Day**
  12 November

WEEK 6

- **Inclusive Education Symposium**
  15 November
- **Registration Seminar**
  16 November
- **South West Regional Tour: Embedding Data Informed Practice**
  17 November

WEEK 7

- **Emerging Leaders**
  Day 1: 22 November
  Day 2: 23 November
- **HIPs 2.0**
  24 November

WEEK 8

- **Business Managers Masterclass: AI Tools for Streamlining the Business Managers Day**
  30 November
- **South West Regional Tour: HIPs 2.0**
  Day 1: 1 December
  Day 2: 2 December

Highlighted Events

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Future Footprints

- **Future Footprints Year 7 Wanjoo BBQ**
  4 February
- **Future Footprints and Madalah Welcome to Country**
  11 February
- **Future Footprints Yaabin Bidi Leadership and Career Expo**
  13 May
- **Future Footprints and Madalah Year 12 Graduation**
  2 September
- **Future Footprints Black and White Social**
  15 October



Middle Leaders on the Road

Stay tuned for updates for Middle Leader opportunities touring the regions.

- **Great Southern**
- **Bunbury**
- **Kalgoorlie**
- **Geraldton**

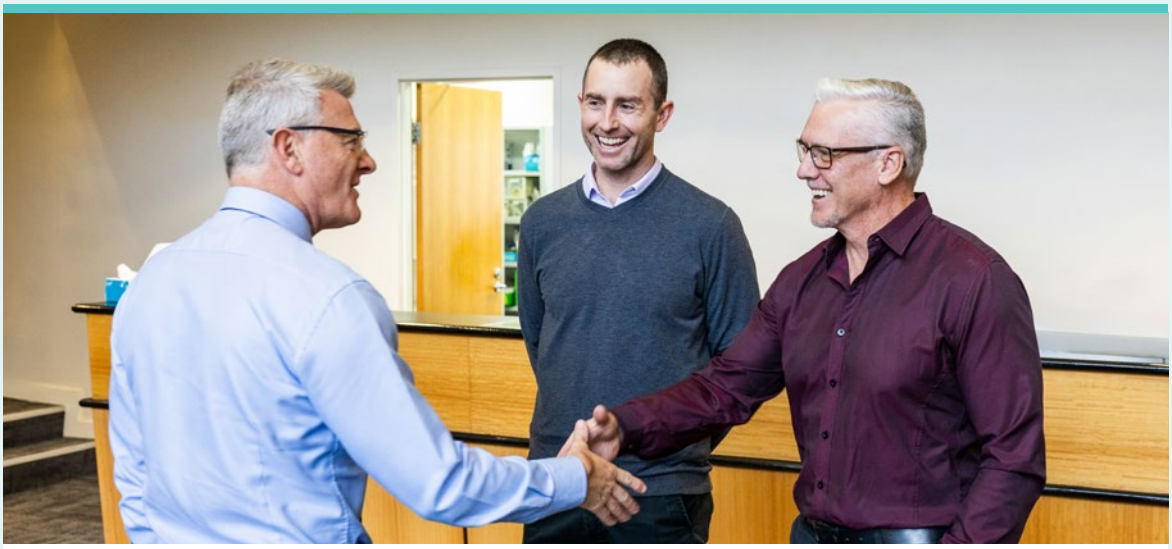
In-School Learning

TAILORED EXPERTISE | PRACTICAL SUPPORT | SUSTAINABLE IMPROVEMENT

Every school is different. AISWA's in-school learning provides tailored, school-based support aligned with your context, priorities and improvement goals.

Our experienced staff work alongside leaders, educators and teams to understand local priorities, clarify needs, develop practical solutions and strengthen staff knowledge, confidence and capability.

Unlike scheduled professional learning events, in-school learning is designed with your school and delivered at a time, location and format agreed with you.



Schools are supported through a four-stage process, adjusted according to the type of engagement.

1 — 2 — 3 — 4

Understand

Every partnership begins with a conversation about your school's context, priorities and aspirations.

Co-design

We work with you to build the right program for your school.

Deliver

We work alongside your leaders and teams, in school, online or across a cluster, to provide the agreed support.

Embed

We help your team reflect on progress, strengthen practice and plan practical next steps.



What in-school learning can look like?

Ongoing collaboration

A longer-term collaboration with your leadership team and wider school community, typically over 12 months, to review practice, develop whole-school approaches and build staff capability through a tailored sequence of professional learning.

Focused sessions

Standalone workshops for staff, from one hour to a full day, designed around an identified school priority.

Coaching and reflective practice

Classroom observation, instructional coaching and facilitated reflection, provided independently, or as part of a broader school partnership.

Areas of support

- School Improvement self-assessment and planning
- Leadership and team development
- Early career teacher development
- Strategic use of school and student data, including NAPLAN analysis
- Curriculum and Assessment planning and implementation, Pre-primary to Year 12
- Evidence informed pedagogy, including High Impact Teaching practices
- Numeracy and literacy
- VET and Careers Education
- Other areas may be available depending on your school's needs and identify priorities

Talk to us about your school's priorities.

If you are not sure what type of support would be useful, contact us and we will help you explore the options, including timing, delivery and any associated costs.

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