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# Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - March Edition

## Early University Offers

During recent discussions, Ministers agreed that offers to school students for university commencement in 2025 and 2026 should not be issued before September in the preceding year and that a national approach to early offers, including how to improve transparency in early offers and admissions, should be developed in time for 2027 commencements.

Education Ministers will write to universities and relevant funding agreements will be updated to reflect this agreement.

## Important Dates

### **Inclusive Education Application Timeline 2024**

A reminder that applications for Round 1 2024 funding applications opened on 1st March and close on 14th March. Click [here](#) for further information and assistance.

### **Curriculum Reference Group Nomination**

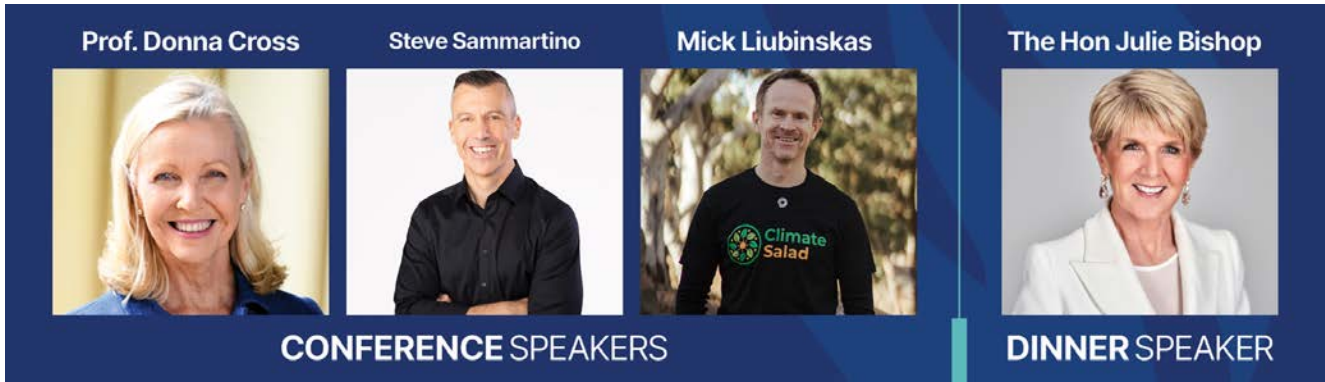
A reminder that the Curriculum Reference Group Nomination closes Friday, 8th March 2024. Click the links below to view the Terms of Reference for these Committees and to access a nomination form. For further information please contact [cap@ais.wa.edu.au](mailto:cap@ais.wa.edu.au)

[Terms of Reference - Primary Curriculum Reference Group \(PCRG\)](#)

[Terms of Reference - Secondary Curriculum Reference Group \(SCRG\)](#)

[Nomination Form](#)

## 2024 AISWA LEADERS CONFERENCE - Embrace the Change



Welcome to the ALL NEW 2024 AISWA Leaders Conference! This event brings together an exciting line up of guest speakers to engage with independent school leaders. Speaking to this year's theme 'Embrace the Change', our guest speakers will address the topics of Wellbeing, Technology/AI, Global Warming and Leadership. These thought-provoking sessions will leave leaders energised about the positive impact education will have on future generations.

The Conference will include the 2024 AISWA AGM, after which attendees will enjoy a networking reception and dinner as part of this exciting new event format.

The 2024 AISWA Leaders Conference is taking place at Optus Stadium on Monday, 20th May. We encourage school Principals, Board Members and Leaders to support this inaugural conference.

AISWA would like to thank our event sponsors for ensuring ticket prices have been significantly subsidised for AISWA Members. Thank you to:

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[CLICK HERE](#) for details on the event and follow the links to book your tickets and/or private school table.

## Professional Learning Opportunities

For further information on the Term 1 Professional Learning opportunities listed below, please click the links provided in the table. For additional opportunities, you can also search the [AISWA PL & Event Calendar](#).

Event Date
Title

## Administration

**25th March**

[John Somerset - Financial Governance for Independent Schools](#)

Register by 19th March

## Early Childhood

**20th March**

[Relational Pedagogies and Restorative Practices in the Early Years and Beyond](#)

Register by 15th March

**25th March**

[Schema Play - Become an accredited Schema Play Educator](#)

Register by 18th March

**26th March**

[On-Entry Assessment: What's Next? - Interpretation and Analysis of On-entry Data](#)

Register by 20th March

**26th March**

[On-Entry Assessment : What's Next? - Interpretation and Analysis of On-entry Data ONLINE](#)

Register by 20th March

## Languages

**12th March** *(Multiple sessions)*

[Teaching Multilingual Learners: EALD Hub +](#)

Register by 28th March

**18th April**

[Embracing Culturally Diversity](#)

Register by 10th April

## Leadership

**15th March** *(Multiple sessions)*

[2024 Middle Leaders Program](#)

Register by 18th March

**18th March**

[Mentors for Early Career Teachers \(Intake 2\)](#)

Register by 12th March

**21st March**

[Women in Educational Leadership Network Meeting](#)

Register by 19th March

**22nd March**

[Mastering The Media - Introduction Session](#)

Register by 15th March

**27th March**

[National Certification Project 2024](#)

Register by 22nd March

**1st April**

[Purposeful Pedagogies - Wellbeing and the Learning Power Approach](#)

Register by 27th March

**Literacy**

**15th March**

[English Foundation, English General and English Preliminary Network Day](#)

Register by 8th March

**25th March**

[Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Decoding](#)

Register by 19th March

**26th March**

[Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Comprehension](#)

Register by 20th March

**11th April**

[Handwriting, Why and How to Teach It](#)

Register by 5th April

**Psychology and Wellbeing**

**26th March**

[Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training](#)

Register by 20th March

## Technologies

**14th March**

[Using AI to reduce teacher workload](#)

Register by 8th March

**28th March**

[AI for Educational Leaders](#)

Register by 22nd March

## VET

**22nd March**

[VET Coordinators & Careers Educators Network Meeting](#)

Register by 15th March

## Community Forum - boys to men in a changing world: challenges, strategies and why it matters

- This upcoming special conference is being hosted by Hale School. It is a two-part program taking place on Monday, 18th March (free community forum) and Tuesday, 19th March (teachers workshop - ticketed).
- The conference is suitable for teachers who work with boys, either in a single-sex or co-educational setting. The conference is for both primary and secondary teachers.
- Headlining the conference will be Tom Batty, Executive Director of the International Boys' Schools Coalition.
- Please click [here](#) for details.

## Reminder - Free Travel for Student SmartRider Holders

- From 1st March, primary and secondary school students must have a valid Student SmartRider to be able to travel for free on Transperth services for any journey Monday to Friday, until the end of the school year.
- Students must tag on and off, or they will receive a default fare. If their SmartRider goes into negative balance as a result, they will not have access to free travel.

## Harmony Week

A fundamental tenant of AISWA's purpose is to support the independent sector to deliver choice and diversity in educational options. The diversity of the independent sector is a driver in our advocacy and support of each member school in their diverse connections to faith, learning and culture.

Harmony Week is an opportunity for all member schools to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity, and as independent schools, the diversity of our education sector. Click [here](#) for details on how your school can become involved.

## Upcoming Awards and Nominations

## 2024 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards Nominations

- It recognises and celebrates inspirational educators who are making a transformative and measurable impact on children and young people across Australia.
- Twelve outstanding teachers or school leaders will be selected to receive a prestigious \$40,000 Teaching Fellowship.
- Ten Early Career Teachers will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for professional development and an exclusive leadership program.
- Applications for the awards are open until Friday, 8th April 2024.
- Click [here](#) for more information.

## WA Training Awards 2024

- Applications for The Department of Training and Workforce Development WA Training Awards 2024 are now open.
- The awards recognise excellence in the VET sector.
- The program will highlight the achievements of both individuals and organisations across 13 categories.
- Applications close at 5.00 PM on Friday, 26th April 2024.
- For information on the categories and how to apply please click [here](#)

For any inquiries or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team [here](#) or call us at (08) 9441 1600.

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