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Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - September Edition

As Term 3 draws to a close, we know school staff are balancing the final weeks of teaching, reporting, and planning ahead. This edition is packed with updates, opportunities, and resources designed to support you, from professional learning and wellbeing initiatives to celebrating the incredible work happening at schools. Today is also **R U OK? Day**, a gentle reminder of the importance of checking in with one another and supporting the wellbeing of our colleagues and communities. Take a moment to explore what's coming up, connect with your colleagues, and make the most of the opportunities on offer.

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2026 Professional Learning Calendar – Coming Soon

The 2026 Professional Learning Calendar will be posted to schools in October and will also be available on our website. We hope this will support your planning for the year ahead. While registrations will open in early 2026, from October you'll be able to view all 2026 professional learning opportunities.

With semester two now underway, we're delighted to see so many educators engaging in events at AISWA as part of their professional learning journey.

View 2025 Professional Learning Calendar events here.

Independent Schools – Contribution to Economy

A landmark national report has just recently been released showing that Independent schools are not only delivering educational excellence, they are also a major contributor to Australia's economy.

Parents and families should have the opportunity to choose the learning environment that meets their child's needs. This belief has long been recognised by both sides of politics, yet Independent schools remain the subject of misplaced criticism.

Independent schools play an essential role in the education system, relieving pressure on public schools while delivering high-quality, diverse learning environments tailored to students' needs. **Read the full report here.**

Wellbeing and Respectful Relationships Conference – Last Chance

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear from two outstanding keynote speakers, **Professor Donna Cross and Dr Jacqui Hendriks**, at AISWA's inaugural Wellbeing and Respectful Relationships Conference. Professor Cross, from the University of Western Australia, is an internationally recognised expert in child and adolescent health. Dr Hendriks is a leading education consultant and researcher in respectful relationships and consent education.

Together, along with many other incredible speakers, they will share practical, evidence-based strategies to help schools embed respect, inclusion, and safety across their whole communities. This fully **subsidised event is open to AISWA Member schools at no cost.** For more information view this short video.

Tuesday 23 September – Find out more and register here.

AISWA Buyer Connect Launch

We are pleased to announce the successful launch of AISWA's Buyer Connect platform, following this week's webinar, which attracted registrations from more than 70 schools. View this short video to see how this purpose-built procurement platform is designed exclusively for AISWA Member schools, making it easier to find and connect with trusted suppliers in one central place, saving both time and money.

The Buyer Connect platform is available **now** through your AISWA Member Portal. To learn more, visit our website to view FAQs and short videos showing how it works.

We are hosting another 45-minute webinar on: **Tuesday 21 October** – To secure your spot, register here.

National Child Protection Week

This week is National Child Protection Week 2025. The theme for 2025 is "Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action". For ways to be involved visit the website.

At AISWA, we are holding two School Registration Seminar days in November to support schools in maintaining regulatory compliance and preparing for upcoming registration audits. These sessions cover a range of requirements, including compliance with Standard 10 of the Registration Guidelines – *Child Abuse: Prevention, Response and Perspectives*.

Monday 10 November – Find out more and register here.
Thursday 13 November – Find out more and register here.

Middle Leader Masterclasses

AISWA invites middle leaders to engage in our dynamic Middle Leader Masterclasses, aimed to equip leaders with practical tools and strategies to navigate the complexities of middle leadership. View a short video here about the first session. Participants will explore how identity, influence and collaboration

drive confident, impactful leadership and high-performing teams. Find out more and register for one, or both below.

Thursday 16 October
Leadership Identity, Influence and Impact

Thursday 20 November
Strategic Leadership in Action – Time, Tension and Transformation

World Teachers' Day

AISWA is proud to celebrate our incredible teachers this World Teachers' Day. We're creating a short video to celebrate the vital role you play in enabling excellence in education, and we look forward to sharing it with you later in October. We are deeply proud of the skilled, passionate, and dedicated professionals who inspire, educate, and support students every day.

On **Friday 31 October**, we hope you and your school will mark the occasion, in your classrooms and with your colleagues, celebrating being part of such a remarkable profession.

To access resources and find out more, click here.

NGS Superannuation Calculator

You're never too young or too old to be thinking about what you want your retirement to look like. The new NGS Super Calculator is an easy-to-use tool that can help you understand how much income you may have in retirement and how long your super could last. You can also model the impact of various factors on your super balance, including making additional contributions, working fewer hours, and adjusting your investment mix. Access the NGS Super Calculator here.

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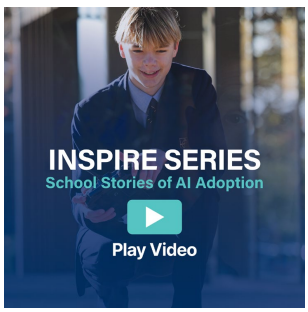
AISWA Inspire: School Stories of AI Adoption



We are excited to share with you, **AISWA Inspire: School Stories of AI Adoption.** Watch this short video here to learn more. This event features keynote speaker, **Dylan Wiliam** who is an Emeritus Professor of Educational Assessment at University College and will explore how educators can prepare young people to thrive in an unpredictable, AI influenced world. Dylan will argue that while higher levels of achievement are increasingly necessary, this cannot come at the cost of narrowing the curriculum or dampening students' intrinsic motivation to learn. The event will showcase examples of early AI adoption across WA Schools and share practical insights learned throughout this journey.

Thursday 23 October – Find out more and register here.

Creativity in the Classroom with Adobe

Join our **half-day Adobe Express Course** and discover practical ways to inspire creativity across all year levels. We are excited to announce this will be presented by **Dr Tim Kitchen - Senior Adobe Education Specialist.**

Learn how to help students create meaningful graphics and build digital portfolios for reflection and showcasing learning. You'll create your own **graphic, video, and website** as part of a 3-part digital portfolio, a key step in earning your **Adobe Creative Educator Level 1 & 2 badges**.

Wednesday 17 September – Find out more and register here.

Showcase Your School with AISWA

AISWA is inviting Independent schools to help us once again highlight the incredible learning, teaching, and vibrant activities happening every day across our sector. Your contributions play a vital role in showcasing the excellence and diversity of WA's Independent schools. **We are looking for high-quality images and videos that capture everyday moments at your school.**

If your school has high-resolution photos or videos (with the necessary permissions), we would love to feature them in our materials. You can upload them directly to the designated 2025 School Videos & Photos. For questions or more details, please reach out to Louise Muhling, AISWA Marketing and Communications Manager.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Please visit the links in the table for more details or browse the 2025 calendar here.

Event Date	Title	Register by
Curriculum and School Improvement		
23 October	AISWA Inspire: School Stories of AI Adoption	Register by 16 October
28 October	Literacy Bites: Multimodal Texts with Ron Gorman	Register by 21 October
5 November	STEM Maker Space Taster: Coding Unplugged	Register by 29 October
18 November	WA Curriculum Workshop – Years P-6	Register by 11 November
24 November	Scaffolding Adolescent Literacy	Register by 17 November
25 November	WA Curriculum Workshop – Years 7-10	Register by 18 November
Governance and Business Operations		
17 September	Business Managers Masterclass: Communicating in a Crisis with Clarity	Register by 10 September
13 October	WA ChairConnect Sundowner	Register by 8 October
21 October	Buyer Connect Information Session	Register by 17 October
22 October	Business Managers Masterclass: Integrating AI into Your Work Day	Register by 15 October
Day 1 – 6 November Day 2 – 7 November	AICD Governance Foundations for Not-For-Profit Directors of Independent Schools	Register by 3 October

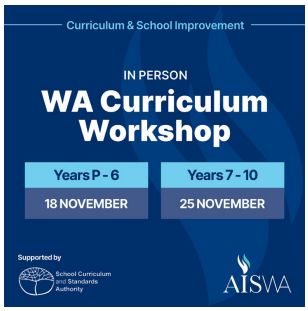
10 November	Registration Seminar	Register by 3 November
13 November	Registration Seminar	Register by 6 November
Leadership and Development		
16 October	Middle Leader Masterclass: Leadership Identity, Influence and Impact	Register by 9 October
11 November	Early Career Teachers Program - Year 2 (Invitation Only)	Register by 4 November
14 November	Being Brave To Have A Conversation That Matters	Register by 7 November
20 November	Middle Leader Masterclass: Strategic Leadership in Action - Time, Tension & Transformation	Register by 13 November
School and Student Support		
18 September	Team Teach Training	Register by 11 September
23 September	Managing the Cycle of Escalating Behaviour	Register by 16 September
23 September	2025 AISWA Wellbeing and Respectful Relationships Conference	Register by 16 September
16 October	Team Teach Training	Register by 9 October
17 October	Inclusive Education Symposium	Register by 10 October
Day 1 – 20 October Day 2 – 21 October	Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training	Register by 13 October
Day 1 – 30 October Day 2 – 31 October	Mini COGE with GERRIC UNSW	Register by 23 October
3 November	Managing Critical Incidents	Register by 27 October
Day 1 – 4 November Day 2 – 5 November	Youth Mental Health First Aid	Register by 28 October
11 November	2025 AISWA Student Symposium: Voices of Change	Register by 4 November
17 November	Conflict & Bullying in Schools: Preventative and Restorative Approaches	Register by 11 November
Technology and Learning Innovation		
17 September	Adobe Creative Educator - Levels 1 & 2	Register by 15 September
26 November	Leading AI Adoption	Register by 19 November

Notice Board

- Help your students access the opportunity to an $8000 Gallipoli Scholarship! We're offering $8000 Gallipoli Scholarships to first-year University and TAFE students living in Australia. The Scholarship is open to the direct descendants of any serviceman or woman who served in the Australian or New Zealand Defence Force in a conflict or peacekeeping operation, from the First World War through to the present day. Find out more here https://gallipolischolarship.com.au/
- **Anti-Slavery Australia** offers free resources to help schools and staff identify and respond to forced marriage – the most common form of modern slavery in Australia. Access guides, posters (in 20 languages), and training resources are available or email ASAresearch@uts.edu.au
- Researchers are seeking feedback from 12–17-year-olds on the WA Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and a new youth-friendly

resource, *inforeels*. These short, social-media style videos explain what to expect when attending CAMHS. The online study involves watching the videos and completing a brief questionnaire here.

Essential Curriculum Workshops Reminder



AISWA is delivering two full-day Curriculum Workshops, designed to support educators from Years P–6 (18 Nov) and Years 7–10 (25 Nov) with practical approaches to curriculum planning and pedagogy. View a short video here to learn more.

Course-specific breakout sessions will provide targeted support in Mathematics, Technologies, Science, and HASS, helping schools prepare for the 2026 curriculum changes. Proudly supported by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, **schools may claim a half-day teacher relief payment for up to two staff members.**

To learn more and register, follow the links below:
Tuesday 18 November – WA Curriculum Workshop – Years P-6
Tuesday 25 November – WA Curriculum Workshop – Years 7-10

View the event flyers here.

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

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