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A message from the Director of Curriculum and Pedagogy



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Welcome to the inaugural School Services and Programs Newsletter!

As we step into the new year, the Schools Program and Services Team at AISWA extends warm greetings to all our member schools. We hope the beginning of the year has been fruitful and promising for each of you.

In this inaugural newsletter for 2024, we are thrilled to initiate a series of updates and share valuable resources tailored to support our member schools. Whether you're seeking insights, guidance, or simply a network of support, our team is dedicated to providing you with the necessary tools to enhance your educational work.

Over the past term, it has been a pleasure to embark on visits to various schools, facilitated by the gracious invitations extended by principals. These interactions have been invaluable, allowing us to gain firsthand insights into the unique needs and aspirations of our member institutions. In the upcoming weeks, we eagerly anticipate connecting with school leaders from the Albany and Busselton regions, further enriching our understanding of diverse educational landscapes.

At the heart of our mission lies a commitment to serving our member schools with excellence. Our team has been actively engaged in providing support and facilitating enriching professional learning opportunities for school staff and leaders alike. For a quick overview of the services we offer, please refer to the table below.

Remember, your feedback and inquiries are always welcome. Whether you seek guidance, resources, or simply a listening ear, we are here to assist you in every possible way.

[Who is in the Directorate and what do we offer?](#)

Professional Learning Opportunities Program & Services

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](#).

Title

Event Date

Register By

Psychology

[Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training](#)

12-03-24 till 13-03-24

05-03-24

[Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training \(Boarding School Staff\)](#)

26-03-24 till 27-03-24

20-03-24

Team Updates

AICS / CARE and SMALL SCHOOLS

Manager (TBC)

- Coordinate all AISWA interaction and activity with Aboriginal Independent Community

- Schools (AICS), CARE Schools, and the Small School Collegiate.
- Collaborate with AISWA teams to enhance service delivery.
- Provide ongoing support to directed schools governing bodies and principals, fostering community responsive leadership aligned with state and federal public policy.

Note: we are currently recruiting for an AICS/CARE & Small Schools Coordinator. We aim to communicate further with schools once we confirm the successful candidate for this role.

CHILD PROTECTION

Lynne Nixon (Manager)

Consultancy and support in all aspects of child protection and child safeguarding in schools. This includes but is not limited to:

- Delivery of a variety of Professional Learning
- Assistance with child protection related situations including Mandatory Reporting
- Standard 10 Preventing and Responding to Child Abuse
- Reportable Conduct Scheme

Click [here](#) to learn more about the new *Online Safety Education Hubs for Schools*.

FUTURE FOOTPRINTS

Andrew Beck (Manager)

- Support for Student and Families
- Support for School Coordinators
- Offer Cultural guidance for school staff and students
- Connect with students in key events [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view their most recent news.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Amanda Fernihough (Manager)

- Consultancy and advice on Disability Discrimination Act and Disability Standards in education
- Develop and deliver high quality Professional Learning
- Classroom observations
- Assist and support schools in understanding State and Federal Funding for students with disabilities
- Support during post enumeration of NCCD

Click [here](#) to learn about the *Special Education State Per Capita Funding*.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS *and* WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Nigel Briggs (Manager)

- Provide advice to member schools relating to State and National Employment Law
- Provide advice to member schools on best Employment practices
- Investigate and provide direction for member schools on a variety of legal related matters
- Keep members abreast of Industrial Relations and Education Legislation in both Federal and State Jurisdictions
- Support member schools with parental concerns before they escalate

- Provide advice and support to schools negotiating Enterprise Agreements

POLICY *and* SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Adrian Scott and Gary Robinson (Managers)

- Assist with registration preparation for new and re-registering schools
- Assist schools to ensure they meet Non-Government-School standards and compliance requirements
- Provide policy and procedural writing guidelines to assist schools
- Assist with school governance and constitutional matters

Available to visit schools, address staff principals, Boards, and leadership teams to assist and understand how best we can serve schools in these areas.

PSYCHOLOGY

Julie Townsend (Lead Psychologist)

- Provide support with behaviour, engagement, and attendance.
- Support wellbeing and mental health; and
- Emergency and critical incident management.
- Provide psychological services to assist with learning and disability.

The Psychology team assists schools across individual, group, whole school, and systems levels to help build capacity in schools and school staff.

Click [here](#) to view their upcoming events.

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