

AISWA Bulletin

Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - March Edition

Welcome to our latest AISWA Bulletin! We are pleased to bring you a wealth of information and updates in this edition. Inside, you'll find numerous topics, including the AISWA State Election Platform outcomes and the School Choice Counts National Campaign.

Additionally, we have a comprehensive list of professional learning opportunities to support your growth and development. From the AISWA Wellbeing Program to various workshops and conferences, there's something for everyone. We hope you find this newsletter informative. Don't forget to explore our [Service and Support Directory](#) to discover how we can best assist you and your school.

This month's Bulletin covers the following items:

- AISWA State Election Platform
- School Choice Counts – National Campaign
- Leaders Conference – 26 May 2025
- AISWA Wellbeing Program
- Case Study – Telecommunications Savings
- School Financial Governance
- On Country Teacher Cultural Immersion Program
- AISWA Study Tour - London

AISWA STATE ELECTION PLATFORM - KEY OUTCOMES



**Bright Future
for Every Child.**
State Election Platform

Over the past few months, AISWA has been actively engaging with policymakers, stakeholders, and the broader community to raise awareness about the critical needs of our schools. While we still have some work to do to achieve all our [objectives](#) we achieved the following outcomes:

- **Capital Works Funding:** WA Labor has committed \$8 million for non-government schools in the Kimberley, laying the foundation for future capital investment. Several local commitments have also been made towards Independent school projects. While this announcement is warmly welcomed, AISWA will continue to advocate for a state-wide capital Infrastructure Works Fund. We also gratefully acknowledge several local commitments made towards Independent school projects during this campaign period.
- **Reform Funding Shortfall:** WA Liberals pledged \$8 million over four years to address the funding gap left by the discontinuation of the Non-Government Reform Support Fund. While WA Labor has not matched this, the Education Minister has promised to advocate for federal support.
- **Planning Consultation:** Policymakers acknowledge the need for better consultation with Independent schools. AISWA will work to establish this as a standard practice.
- **Inclusive Decision-Making:** The importance of ensuring all students have access to quality education was widely recognised, reflected in initiatives like WA Labor’s expanded School Breakfast Program, which now includes Independent schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support—**together, we will continue to work towards a brighter future for every child.**

Reminder: Stay informed by following [AISWA on LinkedIn](#) for advocacy updates, professional learning opportunities, and key education insights.

SCHOOL CHOICE COUNTS - NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

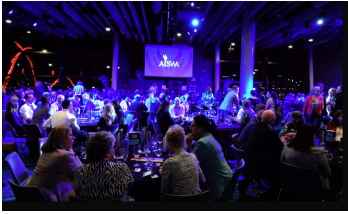


Last week, Independent Schools Australia (ISA) in partnership with each State and Territory Association of Independent Schools, launched School Choice Counts—a national campaign advocating for policies that protect school choice and support families who choose Independent schools.

- A campaign toolkit was emailed to all Principals last week, providing flexible, non-partisan campaign materials. While use of the toolkit is entirely your school decision, we encourage every school to take part in some way.
- Campaign resources are available at [ISA](#).
- Some materials have a stronger tone, reflecting the national challenges Independent schools face, including potential funding cuts. Schools should use the materials that best align with their values and community.
- AISWA and ISA will host a media launch on **19 March 2025**, and we request that schools begin distributing materials from this date onwards.

For support please contact [Louise Muhling](#) Manager Marketing & Communications.

AISWA LEADERS CONFERENCE



Save the Date: 2025 AISWA Leaders Conference

The AISWA Leaders Conference is back for 2025. Join us on Monday 26 May at Optus Stadium for an inspiring day designed for School Leaders, Principals and Board Members.

This year's theme *Thrive in Turbulent Times* will feature expert speakers on organisational culture, change management, cybercrime and life-affirming leadership—leaving you energised about education's future impact. Don't miss this premier event!

The Leaders Conference begins at 1pm with a light lunch and wraps up with a dinner concluding at 9pm. Secure your table—registrations open soon!

Table of 10: \$2,750 + GST

Full Conference (incl. dinner, ends 9pm): \$325 + GST

Conference Only (no dinner, ends 6pm): \$225 + GST

Dinner Only (no conference, starts 5.30pm): \$225 + GST

To receive booking details and be notified when registrations are open please email the [AISWA Events Team](#).

WELLBEING PROGRAM



The AISWA Wellbeing Program includes two **fully subsidised courses**, thanks to the WA Department of Education funding. Don't miss out on these valuable sessions:

Consent and Respectful Relationships (CRRE) with Talk NOW! - 20 March
Equip educators with tools and strategies to navigate conversations around consent, inclusivity, and gender diversity. Gain hands-on experience with Talk NOW! resources and access to two funded topics for your school. Find out more [here](#).

CRRE Conversations With Tracy Hart - 24 March
Focus on parent support as a mental health intervention. Address the increasing responsibility of schools in mental health and wellbeing. Discuss the limits of schools in 'doing' wellbeing, parental reliance on school support, and parents as change agents in mental health. Find out more [here](#).

CASE STUDY - TELECOMMUNICATIONS SAVINGS



Great Southern Grammar (GSG), a regional Pre-K-12 school in Albany, recently transitioned to [Telair](#) for its internet services—cutting costs by 50% while improving speed, reliability, and scalability. After facing high fees, slow service upgrades, and unreliable connectivity, GSG sought an alternative that better suited its growing digital learning needs. Telair offered:

Lower Costs – Saving over \$50,000 annually.

Faster, More Reliable Internet – Seamless streaming, video conferencing & online tools.

Scalability – Easily adapting to increasing device connections.

Dedicated Support – Education-focused, responsive service.

The transition was smooth, with a phased migration ensuring minimal disruption. GSG's experience highlights the value of choosing an ISP that understands the unique needs of schools. Would you like to explore potential savings for your

school? Email your current Telco bills to [Paul Malyniak](#) for a free review. Even if you're in a contract, this can help plan for future savings.

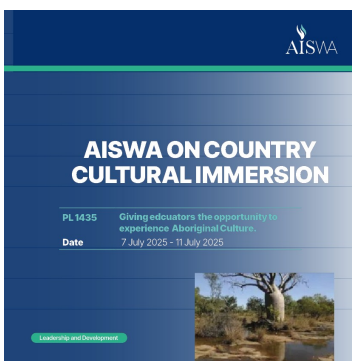
FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE



Join AISWA and John Somerset, founder of Somerset Education, for an essential workshop on financial governance on **Tuesday 25 March**. This course is designed to enhance your understanding of financial management, using Somerset Education reports to make informed decisions about your school's finances.

Key topics include financial distress recovery, sustainability, ratio analysis and best practice budgeting. This event is subsidised by the Commonwealth Governments Choice and Affordability Fund (CAF) Grant. Principals, Business Managers and Board Members are encouraged to attend. Find out more [here](#).

ON COUNTRY TEACHER CULTURAL IMMERSION



AISWA Future Footprints is excited to announce the 2025 East Kimberley First Nations Immersion Program scheduled for 7 July – 11 July 2025. This is an inaugural opportunity being offered by AISWA Future Footprints.

The On Country Teacher Cultural Immersion Program offers aspiring school leaders and educators a unique opportunity to experience Aboriginal culture and deepen their understanding of Australia's First Peoples. Through hands-on activities such as Ngarinyin language lessons, kinship structures, bush tucker and bush medicines, traditional fire-making, cultural dancing, and fishing, participants will gain valuable cultural insights and a deeper appreciation of Indigenous knowledge and traditions.

Find out more [here](#) or contact [Andrew Beck](#).

Professional Learning Opportu

Please visit the links in the table for more details or browse the 2025 calendar [here](#) — act early, as **registrations are closing fast**.

Event Date	Title	Register by
Curriculum and School Improvement		
19 March	T.A.L.K. Workshop: Enhancing Oral Language and Pre-Literacy Skills - Kindy-Pre Kindy	Register by 12 March
28 March	VET Coordinators & Careers Educators Network Meeting	Register by 21 March
31 March	Sharp Reading: Teaching Reading to the Beginning Reader	Register by 24 March
1 April	Sharp Reading: Comprehension	Register by 25 March
2 April	STEM Maker Space Taster: Recycled Construction and Loose Parts	Register by 26 March
7 April	High Impact Practices (HIPS)	Register by 31 March

9 April	Reportable Conduct Scheme Workshop with the Ombudsman	Register by 2 April
Governance and Business Operations		
14 March	Governance Specifics in an Independent School	Register by 11 March
18 March	School Registration Seminar	Register by 11 March
25 March	Business Managers Masterclass: Financial Governance	Register by 18 March
Leadership and Development		
14 March - Day 1 13 June - Day 2 5 September - Day 3	New and Early Career Principals Network	Register by 11 March
19 March	National Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers	Register by 12 March
27 March - Day 1 28 March - Day 2	Early Career Teachers Program - Semester 1 Intake	Register by 17 March
3 April 4 June 12 August 3 November	Webinar Series - Early Careers Teachers Network	Register by 27 March
10 April 29 May 13 August 12 November	In Person Series - Early Careers Teachers Network	Register by 3 April
29 April	Communication and Difficult Conversations for Leaders and Executive Staff	Register by 22 April
School and Student Support		
13 March	Team Teach Training	Register by 11 March
17 March	Social Media Self Defence for School Leaders with e-Safety Commission	Register by 10 March
17 March	Understanding and Responding to School Refusal	Register by 10 March
20 March	Child Safe WA Independent Schools	Register by 13 March
20 March	Consent and Respectful Relationships (CRRE) with Talk Now	Register by 13 March
24 March	CRRE Conversations With Tracey Hart	Register by 18 March
24 March	Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum Training	Register by 18 March
26 March	Trauma Aware Education	Register by 19 March
Day 1 - 31 Mar Day 2 - 1 Apr	Youth Mental Health First Aid	Register by 24 March

STUDY TOUR - LONDON



We are excited to announce a proposed AISWA Study Tour planned for the September/October holidays this year.

This will be a unique opportunity to be immersed in a world-class school leadership program in London, designed to inspire fresh perspectives and practical insights.

For information and to register, please follow this [link](#).

If you have any questions, please contact our tour organisers [Kris Stafford](#) or [Helen Aguiar](#).

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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