

2019 Briefing the Board

*Professional Learning for Principals,
Governing Board Members and Senior Staff*



Conference Information

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8.40 am—4.30 pm

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Conference Program

- 8.15am **Registration**
- 8.40am **Welcome**
- 8.50am **Keynote Presentation**
- 9.45am **WORKSHOP 1**
- 10.35am ***Morning Tea***
- 11.10am **Keynote Presentation**
- 12.05pm **WORKSHOP 2**
- 1.00pm ***Lunch***
- 2.05pm **Keynote Presentation**
- 3.00pm **WORKSHOP 3**
- 3.50pm **SUNDOWNER**
- 4.30pm ***Conclusion***

Workshop One Options

School Finances

Geoff Searle, Director of Finance, Wesley College

The workshop will introduce the concepts, tools and thought processes behind setting budgets, longer term financial planning, monitoring and reporting financial performance.

Audience: All

Beyond the Royal Commission

Paul Russell, Manager of AISWA School Psychology Service (ASPS)

The Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse concluded with a raft of recommendations – all of which have been accepted (at least in principle) by all levels of Government. This workshop looks at the ‘what next’ including the recently accepted national standards for Child Safe Institutions, the movement from reporting to preventing abuse, and, possible future directions and initiatives.

Audience: All

Inclusive Education—A Snapshot of What This Involves and Your Role in the Process

Lynne Nixon, Coordinator of Inclusive Education, AISWA

Understanding of the Legislation relating to students with disabilities and the associated funding from both State and Federal sources, is useful but also vital information to assist in embracing and ‘providing reasonable adjustments’ for students with disability in your school. In this session we will be looking at a school’s responsibilities in accommodating students with disabilities, the associated funding and ways in which the AISWA team can support your school.

Audience: All

Fixed Term Engagements and Long Term Casuals

Ian Curlewis, Partner, Lavan

Operational problems with these employment structures.

Audience: All

Contemporary Policy Drivers

Ron Gorman, Deputy Director, AISWA

This session will look at the global education movements that contribute to the success of young people at school and beyond. We will also look at several influential reports with a focus on student agency and schools as eco systems.

Audience: All

An Overview of AISWA IT Services and the WA Technology Education Landscape

Peter Crosbie, Assistant Director, AISWA

Dean McDonald, CEO, RTG

Part one: An overview of AISWA IT Services and the WA Technology Education landscape.

Part two: Digital Privacy, Safety and Security (DPSS): RTG in partnership with BrightBytes help education organisations navigate complex digital safety responsibilities as they implement new technology. Dean will present a Case Study of such work with AISWA member schools.

Audience: All

Tour of Swan Trade Training Centre

Luke Norman, Head of Swan Trade Training Centre, Swan Christian College

Audience: All

Workshop Two Options

Board Member Basics

Valerie Gould, Executive Director, AISWA

Good school governance requires all Board members to work for the good of the school setting aside other agendas. This session provides an overview of good governance, Board member protocols and responsibilities and what makes an effective Board.

Audience: New Board Members

The Four Essentials of the School Board

Rev Andrew Syme, Education Consultant

What Principals need School Boards to know and lead.

Audience: All

Dealing with Long-Term Absences on Workers' Compensation

Michael Jensen, Senior Associate, Lavan

Audience: All

Child Protection – A Whole School Community Responsibility

Lynne Nixon, Coordinator of Inclusive Education, AISWA

Responsibility in the area of Child Protection has increased for all school staff including school boards. Governing bodies are responsible for approving and reviewing the school policies, procedures, practices and strategies for the prevention of grooming and child abuse. This session will examine the requirements, training and support available in this area for school boards, school leaders and staff to ensure their school is a child-safe environment.

Audience: Board Members and Principals

Media and Communications

Marie Mills, Managing Director, Mills Wilson

The importance of good communications to the school community, how the media often picks up on these school communications and a few tips for dealing with the media.

Audience: All

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Audience: All

Keeping the Fire in the Belly—What Teachers do to Maintain Their Exemplary Practice

Peter Prout, Honorary Lecturer, Edith Cowan University

Audience: All

Workshop Three Options

Standards, Compliance and Governing Body Accountabilities

Therese Bamford and Gary Robinson, Registration and Compliance Consultants, AISWA

This session will cover what governors and school leaders need to know to make sure they remain compliant with the 'Standards and Other Requirements', the legislative changes that have happened, and will happen, that they need to know about and what the governors will be accountable for.

Audience: All

Board Room Responsibilities and Practice

Valerie Gould, Executive Director, AISWA

The role of a Board member is very important to the effective governance of a school and this session will unpack what the responsibilities of a Board member are and what Boards should focus on, and address, when fulfilling their obligations. This session will also include a case study of when things go wrong at the Board level and what those implications may be.

Audience: Board Members

The Mind of the Leader

Johanne Klap, Executive Leadership Coach, Potential Project

Nicola Davidson, Manager of School Leadership and Quality Teaching, AISWA

This session is an overview of a practical approach which suggests that organisations need to develop leaders who lead with three core mental qualities: Mindfulness, Selflessness, and Compassion.

Audience: Board Members, Senior Staff

Shift Happens... Creating 21st Century Learners

Kris Stafford, Curriculum Coordinator, AISWA

This presentation will outline 21st century skills for future proofing Australia's workforce and investigate how curriculum can support the acquisition of these vital skills.

Audience: All

Workplace Relations Issues

Nigel Briggs, Industrial and Workplace Relations Consultant, AISWA

Discussion of current Industrial Relations matters.

Audience: All

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