

Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - December Edition

Welcome to the last AISWA Bulletin for 2024!

As the school year comes to an end, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone for trusting us and for all of your hard work and contribution to the education community throughout 2024.

Now is the time to take a well-deserved break, relax, and enjoy the holidays. We look forward to continuing to support our member schools in 2025.

Happy Holidays from all of us at AISWA!

This month's Bulletin covers the following items:

- 2025 Professional Learning Calendar
- 2025 NAPLAN Marker Applications are Open
- International Study Tour 2025
- Women in Educational Leadership Program 2025
- AISWA Future Footprints 20 Year Anniversary
- ACEL Annual Branch Awards Ceremony
- Help Us Celebrate WA Independent Schools: Share Your Photos and Videos
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AISWA 2025 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALENDAR



- This is a friendly reminder that the 2025 Professional Learning Calendar is now available on the AISWA website.
- This calendar features a diverse range of professional learning opportunities for 2025, including in-person events, conferences, webinars and online courses.
- Click [here](#) to download a copy or view it on the AISWA website [here](#).
- Be amongst the first to know when registrations open in January 2025, ensuring you don't miss out on any of our limited-space events by filling out this [Expression of Interest form](#).
- Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our events in 2025!

2025 NAPLAN MARKER APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

- NAPLAN 2025 will take place in Term 1 from 12 – 24 March 2025.
- The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) is seeking applications from new and experienced markers to join the NAPLAN writing marking team.
- Marking will take place from 18 March to 17 April (expected finish date).
- Further information and the online application can be found [here](#).



- Poster can be found [here](#).
- For queries, please contact us via naplan@ais.wa.edu.au

INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR 2025



- Thank you to those who have expressed interest in the proposed AISWA Study Tour planned for the September/October holidays in 2025.
- Designed for Principals and Senior leaders, this unique experience will provide the opportunity to engage with a variety of leaders and educators from renowned schools and institutions from selected destinations across the UK and Europe, exploring progressive reforms and innovative programs.
- We are currently in discussions with various providers about possible development opportunities, school visits and cultural activities.
- These will cover a range of themes such as school leadership, innovative workforce programs and models of schooling.
- We will provide an update once we have a draft agenda.
- In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to [Helen Aguiar](#) or [Kris Stafford](#).
- The Expression of Interest will remain **OPEN** for the remainder of the year.

WOMEN IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2025



- AISWA, in collaboration with the Australian Council of Education Leaders, is excited to announce a new leadership program for 2025!
- Tailored for senior and aspiring leaders, this program aims to boost motivation, confidence, and leadership identity while expanding professional networks.
- Participants will be paired with Professional Companions (mentors) to support reflective practice and strategic thinking.
- This initiative empowers women by fostering connections, sharing best practices, and enhancing leadership influence.
- **Schedule:** Introductory online session (12 March 2025) + Full-day workshops on 3 April, 18 June, and 4 September 2025.
- **Cost:** \$1,495 – includes *Step In, Step Up* (Kise & Watterson, 2019) and Professional Companionship.
- For details or to request the program flyer, please contact [Meika Pfeiffer-Gough](#) (Manager of School Leadership and Teacher Quality).

AISWA FUTURE FOOTPRINTS 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

- Last month, AISWA celebrated the 20th anniversary of the AISWA Future Footprints Program, which has supported First Nations students attending Independent Schools across WA since 2004.
- The program is driven by partnerships with schools and deep consultation with Elders, students, families, and community representatives.
- One of the event's highlights was a panel discussion with our inspiring alumni: Roxy Bin Swani from Presbyterian Ladies College, Sam Edgar from Christ Church Grammar School, and Roni Forrest, Future Footprints' longest-serving coordinator.
- Reflecting on their journeys, they shared powerful perspectives that inspired everyone in attendance and offered a glimpse into the program's transformative impact on their lives.
- We are also grateful to have Hon Dr Tony Buti, Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship; and Multicultural Interests, alongside AISWA senior executives, principals, school representatives, and many of our valued alumni joining us for this milestone event.



ACEL ANNUAL BRANCH AWARDS CEREMONY

- Recently, AISWA was delighted to attend the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL WA) annual awards ceremony to celebrate excellence in educational leadership.
- We are incredibly grateful for the warm welcome and extend our thanks to ACEL President Mathilda Joubert, PhD, and the Hon. Dr Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interest, who presented the awards to the recipients.
- The Independent school sector was well-represented by the following dedicated professionals who support, nurture, and educate our future: our children.
- Congratulations to all the award recipients, with special recognition to those in our sector:
 - Dr. Amelia Ruscoe
 - Brooke Tonev – Peter Moyes Anglican Community School
 - Gaile Racey – Hale School
 - Perette Minciullo – Moerlina School
 - Anne Ford – John Wollaston Anglican Community School



HELP US CELEBRATE WA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS: SHARE YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS!

- AISWA is calling on Independent schools to help us showcase the incredible learning, teaching, and vibrant activities happening every day in our sector.
- A heartfelt thank you to the schools that have already shared their stunning photos and videos! Your contributions are invaluable in highlighting the excellence and diversity of WA's Independent schools.
- These visuals play a crucial role in promoting the unique strengths of WA's Independent school sector.
- We're still seeking high-quality images and footage that capture everyday moments, including:
 - Students and teachers engaged in learning.
 - Classroom activities, group discussions, or technology in action.
 - Sports, drama, music, and other co-curricular activities.
- **How to Share:** If your school has suitable high-resolution photos or videos (with the necessary permissions), we'd love to include them in our materials.
- You can upload them directly to the designated "[School Videos & Photos](#)" folder or [Dropbox](#).
- For questions or more details, please reach out to [Louise Muhling](#), AISWA Marketing and Communications Manager.



AISWA SERVICE AND SUPPORT DIRECTORY



- Have you seen our newly released **2025 Service and Support Directory**— a comprehensive resource designed to help schools access all of the support AISWA has to offer.
- From governance and leadership to curriculum and pedagogy, student well-being, and school operations, this directory gives you a clear overview of the services available and the key contacts to reach out to.
- Whether you're looking for guidance, resources, or expert advice, AISWA is here to help every step of the way.
- Click [here](#) for access to the digital version for quick and easy reference.

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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