

## Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - November Edition

### This month's Bulletin covers the following items:

- 2024 Certificates of Appreciation
- International Study Tour 2025
- New Leadership Offering in 2025 – Women in Educational Leadership
- Call for Video Footage from Schools
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### 2024 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

- To acknowledge the efforts and contributions made to schools by retiring or resigning Governing Board Members and Principals, AISWA Certificates of Appreciation can be requested by filling out this [online form](#) (please submit one form per certificate required).
- To ensure the certificates can be printed and sent out prior to the end of the school year, please submit your online form(s) by no later than COB, **Friday, 15 November**.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR 2025



- We are excited to announce that planning is underway for an international study tour, scheduled 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.
- Possible themes may include innovative workforce strategies, leading school improvement, and alternative models of schooling.
- If this opportunity is of interest, please click [here](#) to register, and to receive more information.
- For any questions, please contact [Helen Aguiar](#) or [Kris Stafford](#).

### WOMEN IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2025

- AISWA, in partnership with the Australian Council of Education Leaders, is thrilled to introduce a new leadership program for 2025!
- Designed for **senior and aspiring leaders**, this initiative builds motivation, confidence, and leadership identity while expanding networks.
- Participants are matched with Professional Companions (mentors) for support in reflective practice and strategic thinking.



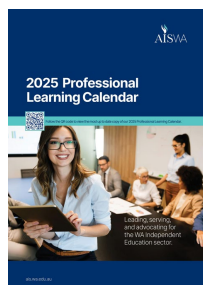
- The program empowers women by fostering connections, sharing best practices, and enhancing leadership influence.
- **Schedule:** Introductory online session (12 March 2025) + Full-day workshops on 3 April, 18 June, and 4 September 2025.
- **Cost:** \$1,495 – includes *Step In, Step Up* (Kise & Watterson, 2019) and Professional Companionship.
- For details or to request the program flyer, contact [Meika Pfeiffer-Gough](#) (Manager of School Leadership and Teacher Quality).

## ATTENTION SCHOOLS: WE NEED YOUR VIDEOS!



- AISWA is looking to gather video footage from Independent schools to use in promotional materials.
- These videos will help us promote the WA Independent School sector, highlight AISWA as the peak body advocating for this sector, and showcase our professional learning opportunities and conferences.
- We are looking for footage that features students and teachers in everyday activities such as studying, attending classes, playing, participating in groups, sports, drama, music, or using technology.
- Schools with suitable footage and the necessary permissions are encouraged to share high-resolution versions directly or save them into the designated folder [School Videos](#) or [Dropbox](#).
- AISWA will ensure that all videos are shared with the respective schools for approval before use.
- For any questions or more details, please contact [Louise Muhling](#) (AISWA Marketing and Communications Manager)

## AISWA 2025 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALENDAR



- AISWA is pleased to present our 2025 Professional Learning Calendar, offering a wide range of professional development opportunities, including in person events, conferences, webinars, and regional meetings.
- Click here to **download a copy** [here](#).
- To help you stay informed, we invite you to complete this [Expression of Interest form](#).
- By providing your details, you'll be among the first to know via email when registrations open in January 2025, ensuring you don't miss out on any of our limited-space events.
- Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our events in 2025!

## PARTNERSHIP ACCEPTANCE LEARNING SHARING (PALS) GRANTS



- Grants totalling \$88,735 that are designed to bring understanding of Aboriginal culture to Western Australian classrooms have been awarded by the Cook Government through the 2024 Term 3 funding round of the PALS program.
- In this round of funding, grants have been awarded to 21 schools.
- Applications are now OPEN for next round of PALS funding, closing 28 November 2024.
- More information on the PALS program and how to apply is available on the DLGSC website [here](#).

## INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS



- The Services Australia website has some great information to support students finishing secondary school, whether they are interested in working, doing an apprenticeship or traineeship, or doing further study.
- Youth Allowance for students and apprentices and ABSTUDY are the main payments students may get. There are also other payments for students who need to move away from a regional or remote area to study.
- Find out more [here](#).

## BE YOU MENTAL HEALTH IN EDUCATION REPORT



- Be You have released the **Be You Mental Health in Education Report**, which is now available on the Be You [website](#).
- This report presents key findings from the 2024 National Mental Health in Education Survey of educators across Australia, highlighting:
  - The current state of mental health in education settings
  - The important role of educator wellbeing in fostering mentally healthy learning communities
  - System-level recommendations to address the major challenges educators face.

## BULLYING NO WAY



- The Bullying No Way website supports Australian school communities with evidence-informed resources and activities for a proactive approach to bullying prevention and education.
- Extensive information and culturally responsive resources are available to support schools, students, families and carers to address and respond to bullying.
- For further information, please visit their [website](#).

## Professional Learning Opportunities

For further information on the upcoming Professional Learning opportunities listed below, please click the links provided in the table. For additional information and a full list of 2024 PL and Event opportunities, you can also search the [AISWA PL & Event Calendar](#).

### FEATURED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

#### Communication and Difficult Conversations Course – 1 or 26 November

This upcoming course on Effective Communication and Courageous Conversations is designed to enhance your communication skills and empower you to engage in meaningful, courageous dialogues. Join us to unlock your potential and foster stronger, more authentic connections.

Register [here](#) for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff.

Event Date	Title	
Administration		
14 November	<a href="#">School Registration Seminar</a>	Register by 9 November
Animal Ethics		
11 November	<a href="#">Animal Ethics Information Session</a>	Register by 6 November
Arts		
18 November	<a href="#">Drama Network Day</a>	Register by 8 November
29 November	<a href="#">Visual Arts Network Day</a>	Register by 22 November
EAL/D		
20 November	<a href="#">7-12 EAL/D Network Meeting</a>	Register by 15 November
Early Childhood		

7 November	<a href="#">Setting the scene for a great year of learning through inquiry (with Kath Murdoch)</a>	Register by 30 November
<b>English</b>		
11 December	<a href="#">Implementation of the Western Australian Curriculum: English</a>	Register by 3 December
<b>Inclusive Education</b>		
21 - 22 November	<a href="#">GERRIC UNSW Mini-COGE (Gifted Education)</a>	Register by 14 November
4 December	<a href="#">Autism Awareness &amp; Neurodiversity Workshop</a>	Register by 27 November
<b>Languages</b>		
18 November	<a href="#">Incorporating Indigenous Perspectives into the Languages Classroom</a>	Register by 12 November
<b>Leadership</b>		
27 November	<a href="#">CaRE: Navigating Ethical Leadership and Quality Decision-Making through Courageous Conversations</a>	Register by 13 November
2 December	<a href="#">Reportable Conduct Scheme Workshop with the Ombudsman</a>	Register by 26 November
6 November	<a href="#">Women in Educational Leadership Network Meeting</a>	Contact <a href="#">Shanta Patel</a> to register
8 November	<a href="#">New Principals Network 2024</a>	Contact <a href="#">Shanta Patel</a> to register
<b>Mathematics</b>		
15 November	<a href="#">Combined Secondary AISWA/CEWA Maths ATAR Exam Review</a>	Register by 8 November
<b>VET</b>		
29 November	<a href="#">VET &amp; Careers Coordinators Network Meeting</a>	Register by 23 November

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS

### Quantum Girls and Einstein-First Projects

There are **three FREE upcoming workshops** in Term 4 for teachers interested in modern physics:

- **Monday, 18 November:** Secondary Workshop, Goldfields (Half-day) Register [here](#).
- **Tuesday, 19 November:** Primary Workshop, Goldfields (Full-day) Register [here](#).
- **Wednesday, 4 December:** Primary Workshop, Padbury (Half-day) Register [here](#).

#### Workshop Highlights:

- Learn about the **Einstein-First** initiative and its objectives.
- Explore key physics concepts from the modules.
- Engage in practical, hands-on activities.
- Access ready-to-use curriculum materials and resources.

### Year 11 Mathematics Specialist - Summer Holidays

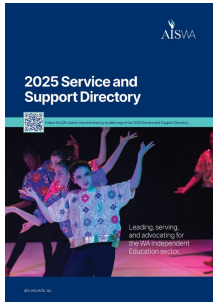
- The University of Notre Dame School of Education is offering a professional learning module for mathematics teachers interested in teaching Year 11 Mathematics Specialist in the future, as well as current teachers new to the Year 11 or Year 12 courses.
- The module will run from Monday, 6 January to Friday, 10 January.
- The module will cover topics including Combinatorics, Vectors in the Plane, Trigonometry, Geometry,

- Real and Complex Numbers, and Matrices.
- More information [here](#).

## Australian Space Education Forum

- Presented by the Andy Thomas Space Foundation, this event will showcase space education, career opportunities and future pathways into Australia's growing space industry.
- Designed with teachers and students in mind, this event will provide a valuable opportunity to hear from leaders across the space ecosystem, access specialised programs to drive space education in schools, and inspire the next generation of Australia's space industry.
- More information [here](#).

## 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 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 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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