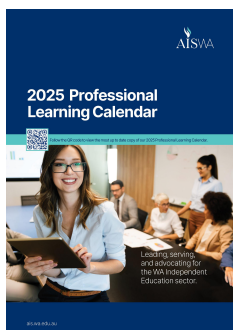


Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - October Edition

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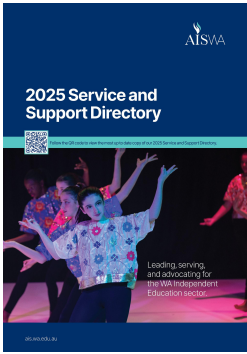
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AISWA 2025 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CALENDAR



- To assist schools with their planning and budgeting for 2025, we have developed a detailed calendar outlining our professional learning opportunities for 2025.
- These include face-to-face events, conferences, webinars, and regional meetings.
- The 2025 AISWA PL Calendar can be viewed on our website [here](#).
- If you are interested in any of the PLs listed, please fill out our Expression of Interest form [here](#).

AISWA SERVICE AND SUPPORT DIRECTORY



- The AISWA Service and Support Directory provides an overview of the comprehensive services available to our members and includes key AISWA staff contact details.
- You can view it on the AISWA website [here](#).
- If there is a service or area of support that is not included in the directory that would be of benefit to your school, please [get in touch](#).

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY



- It is World Teachers' Day on Friday, 25 October, so grab your hats and snap a selfie to share on your social media using #WorldTeachersDay2024 and tag @aitsl to join the celebration. Click [here](#) for the celebration kit.
- To all teachers, we want to thank you for all you do and have a wonderful World Teachers' Day 2024!
- Click [here](#) to learn more.

AISWA FACEBOOK GROUPS



- Following the recent closure of some of our Facebook pages, we invite all members to join our Facebook groups to continue the engagement and access to relevant content.
- Please find the links to our updated Facebook Groups below:
 - [AISWA Teaching & Learning](#)
 - [AISWA Early Childhood Education](#)
 - [AISWA Primary Leaders Network](#)
 - [AISWA HASS Teachers](#)
 - [AISWA Future Footprints](#)

ISA/AIS SYMPOSIUM

- Recently, Chris Massey (AISWA Executive Director) and some of our AISWA staff went to Melbourne for the ISA/AIS Symposium at the Independent Schools Victoria.
- Hosted by Independent Schools Australia and state members, attendees exchanged valuable insights on services, programs, and research to shape the future of education.
- Discussions covered a range of topics, including First Nations education to workforce development, innovations in teaching, and school leadership.



INVITATION TO NOMINATE FOR CISWA AWARDS

- This is your chance to shine a spotlight on the exceptional contributions of your colleagues, students, or your institution.
- By nominating, you help recognise and celebrate the hard work and innovative spirit driving international education in Western Australia.
- **The 2024 CISWA Awards Categories are:**
 - [WA International School Student of the Year](#)- Sponsored by the Department of Education
 - [WA International Education Initiative of the Year – Schools](#) - Sponsored by the Department of Education
 - [WA International Tertiary Student of the Year](#)- Sponsored by Perth Airport
 - [WA International VET Student of the Year](#)- Sponsored by the Department of Training & Workforce Development
 - [WA International Education Program of the Year](#)- Sponsored by Medibank
 - [WA Outstanding Individual Contribution to International Education](#) - Sponsored by NAVITAS
- **Key Dates:**
 - Applications Close: 1 November (5pm)
 - Judging Completed/Winners Advised: 20 November
 - Awards Presentation: 5 December (evening) at the StudyPerth AGM and End of Year Event

WA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



- WA MHW runs from 5 –12 October and aims to increase mental wellbeing in WA communities by promoting mental health literacy, raising awareness of mental health issues and reducing its stigma.
- The theme for 2024 is "Empowering communities, thriving workforces: a journey towards investing in our mental health". You can read more about it [here](#).
- To view the Mental Health Week events happening around WA, click [here](#).

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ENGINEERED FRINGING REEF, CY O'CONNOR FORESHORE



- The erosion reduction reef will be doubling in size as stage two is installed as part of an artificial reef trial off the shore of C.Y. O'Connor Beach in October 2024.
- The artificial reef and the offshore operational area around the reef will be temporarily closed to swimmers, snorkelers, divers and marine vessels from 21 October – 18 November during Term 4.
- We appreciate schools use this site for excursions. Please visit the Coogee Maritime Trial or another location in lieu of this site.
- For queries, please contact Environmental Education Officer [Vicky Hartill](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

For further information on the Term 3 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

International Study Tour – 2025

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 by 31 October, and to receive more information. If you have any questions, please contact [Helen Aguiar](#) or [Kris Stafford](#).

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.

Leaders and Executive Staff - Register [here](#).

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

Event Date	Title	
Administration		
12 November	School Registration Seminar	Register by 7 November
14 November	School Registration Seminar	Register by 9 November
Animal Ethics		
11 November	Animal Ethics Information Session	Register by 6 November
Arts		
18 October	Media Arts Network Day	Register by 11 October
28 October	Music Network Day	Register by 18 October
Early Childhood		
21 October	Leading with the National Quality Standard	Register by 15 October
7 November	Setting the scene for a great year of learning through inquiry (with Kath Murdoch)	Register by 30 November
Inclusive Education		
21 - 22 November	GERRIC UNSW Mini-COGE (Gifted Education)	Register by 14 November
4 December	Autism Awareness & Neurodiversity Workshop	Register by 27 November

Languages

18 October [23 Things: Exploring digital technologies and AI in the Languages classroom](#) Register by 10 October

18 November [Incorporating Indigenous Perspectives into the Languages Classroom](#) Register by 12 November

Leadership

6 November [Women in Educational Leadership Network Meeting](#) Contact [Shanta Patel](#) to register

8 November [New Principals Network 2024](#) Contact [Shanta Patel](#) to register

Literacy

23 October [Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Comprehension](#) Register by 17 October

24 October [Sharp Reading: Developing Decoding Fluency](#) Register by 18 October

1 November [Secondary English Planning Day](#) Register by 25 October

Mathematics

15 November [Combined Secondary AISWA/CEWA Maths ATAR Exam Review](#) Register by 8 November

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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