

# Latest News

## Curriculum and Pedagogy



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## WELCOME

Welcome to the October news and the start of another busy school Term. In this edition you can read about;

- P-10 Curriculum Implementation requirements for 2025
- TISC – Consultation on Year 12 Course Incentives
- 2025 International Study Tour – Register your interest!
- Women in Educational Leadership – New offering for 2025
- National Quality Standards in Action Resource
- Term 4 Professional Learning Events

AISWA have recently produced two new resources for member schools. AISWA's new [Service and Support Directory](#) and Professional Learning [calendar](#). The Calendar includes face to face events, conferences, webinars and regional meetings. The calendar will be regularly updated as more events are announced. It **does not include** school-based consultancy services, which can be discussed and arranged via request. Please contact staff individually (check the service directory for details) to discuss your needs or email [cap@ais.wa.edu.au](mailto:cap@ais.wa.edu.au).

Please get in touch if we can assist in any way.

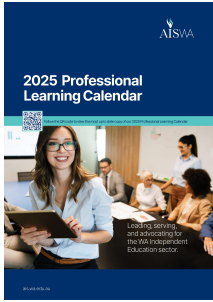
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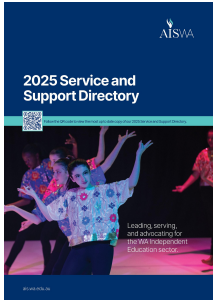
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## NEWS AND UPDATES



## AISWA 2025 Professional Learning Calendar

The 2025 AISWA PL Calendar can be viewed [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](#).

## Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) Conference

AISWA were delighted to present at the recent ACEL conference on the High Impact Practices (HIPs) program. Now in its 5th year, this program has an alumni of over 500 Independent school teachers from over 40 schools. The presentation traced the development of the HIPs, from its origins as a centrally delivered professional learning program to its current in situ model, which prioritises building teacher expertise and fostering collegiality through evidence informed practices.

If you would like further information about this program for 2025, please [contact us](#).



## 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](#)

## POLICY AND PROGRAM UPDATES

### P-10 Curriculum Implementation Requirements for 2025

Schools are reminded that the revised Health and Physical Education and English Curriculums P-10 are to be fully implemented in 2024. This includes having all teaching, assessing and reporting processes in place by the end of Semester 1.

The adopt and adapt process for the remaining learning areas continues in 2025. For more information, click [here](#).

### TISC – Consultation on Year 12 Course Incentives

AISWAs contribution to the recent consultation on Year 12 course incentives, was one of over 30 submissions. From this consultation, the TISC Board has decided to extend the current 10% bonus arrangement for Year 12 ATAR students until 2027. Additionally, an Incentives Taskforce will be established to continue consultations and provide recommendations by August 2025. For more details click [here](#).

### Implementation of 2025 Years P-6 and Years 7-10 English Curriculum Workshops

There are still several opportunities in Term 4 to attend the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) professional learning workshops to support the planning and assessment of the revised English curriculum scheduled for implementation in 2025.

Click [here](#) to find available dates and locations.

### National Quality Standards in Action Resource

A copy of the National Quality Standards (NQS) in Action resource has been posted to all schools. Electronic versions of this publication will soon be available on our website. A professional learning workshop on the NQS in Action will be held in Albany in 2025, with further workshops offered in other locations subject to demand.

## FEATURED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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

### Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Comprehension – 23 October

This course focuses on comprehension teaching through the GUIDED READING component of your reading program. Participants will be provided with an explicit, transferable routine for comprehension instruction that empowers students and simplifies the work of teachers, skills for recognising comprehension quality and addressing student needs, and many more. More information [here](#).

### Sharp Reading: Developing Decoding Fluency – 24 October

This course provides a routine that allows the reader to practise the transference of the knowledge of letters, letter sounds, and spelling patterns that they are developing during phonics instruction to successfully figure out the pronunciation of printed words while reading authentic text. More information [here](#).

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

## New Leadership Offering in 2025 – Women in Educational Leadership

AISWA is excited to announce a new leadership offering for 2025. Presented in partnership with the Australian Council of Education Leaders, **Women in Educational Leadership** will support senior leaders and those aspiring to senior leadership roles to build motivation and confidence as a leader, craft leadership identity and expand networks. Part of the program includes being matched to a **Professional Companion** (PC) who will provide mentorship, guidance, objective insights, and support in reflective practice, strategic thinking and decision-making.

Are you a senior leader in a school who could assist by becoming a professional companion and empowering the next generation of women in leadership? Join us in this initiative and make a lasting impact. At a minimum, PC's will engage in an introductory session to learn about their role and meet with their mentee two or three times throughout the year. Sign up [here](#).

## Setting the scene for a great year of learning through inquiry (with Kath Murdoch) – 7 November

In this workshop **designed for K-6 educators**, participants will have a unique opportunity to find out how to set the scene for a strong year of inquiry. The workshop will provide opportunities for teachers to consider the kinds of arrangements, resources and approaches to planning that they can begin to activate before the year begins. Importantly, educators will learn about ways to engage students in the design of their classroom environment and in conversations about their learning.

Educators who attend this workshop will be challenged to think about their planning for 2025 so it would be ideal if you come along with your colleagues! Register [here](#).

## A Whole School Approach for Teaching Place Value

This 75 minutes School Workshop targets Years 1 to 6, across metropolitan and regional WA. Each school will receive a Teaching Place Value Materials Kit, that includes counters, dice, transparent spinners, and a USB that houses the 14 videos. More information [here](#). Contact [David Dunstan](#) or call 0457 767 881 to make a booking.

# Professional Learning Opportunities

## Curriculum and Pedagogy

For further information on the upcoming Professional Learning opportunities listed below (by category), 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](#).

Event Date	Title	
	Animal Ethics	
11 November	<a href="#">Animal Ethics Information Session</a>	Register by 6 November

## Arts

28 October [Music Network Day](#) Register by 18 October

## Languages

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

## Leadership

16 October [National Certification Project 2024](#) Register by 28 October

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

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

11 December [Implementation of the Western Australian Curriculum: English](#) Register by 3 December

## Mathematics

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

## TEAMS UPDATES

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Early Childhood team offer support and mentoring to early childhood educators and leaders. Our focus this month is school based support via staff meeting presentations or working one on one with staff.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates, including:

- **AISWA Survey - Additional Early Childhood Provision in Independent Schools**
- **National Quality Standards in Action Publication**
- **Upcoming Professional Learning**

### LEADERSHIP *and* LEARNING

Leadership and Learning provide support to implement the P-10 WA Curriculum and Assessment Outline and the WACE, and assist schools to build leadership capability.

Numeracy and Literacy provide support to enhance teaching and learning outcomes.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates, including:

- **Numeracy: School Workshop for Teaching Place Value**
- **New Online Resources - 'reSolve' for Mathematics and 'Primary Connections' for Science**

### TARGETED PROGRAMS

Targeted programs provide support to engage in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and interpret and apply school and student data, and implement Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Career Education programs.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates, including:

- **Upcoming meeting dates for Term 4**

- **Timeline of the Review of the WA Curriculum: Mathematics**

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – EXTERNAL PROVIDERS



### Ausdance WA Dance Teacher Professional Development Program – November 28-29

Ausdance WA is hosting a two-day professional development series on 28-29 November, featuring seven immersive workshops for teachers in private studios, schools, and independent practice.

With workshops led by some of Perth's top dance artists and specialists, you'll gain practical skills, creative inspiration, and classroom strategies to enhance your teaching.

- Day 1: Expanding Perspectives
- Day 2: Focus on Curriculum

Click [here](#) for more details and to secure your spot.

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*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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