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WELCOME

Welcome to the November news, the last one for 2024, and what a year it has been!

In this edition you can read about;

- P-10 Curriculum Implementation requirements for 2025
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- Pathways to Post-School Success final report
- Early Childhood Grants
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A special thank you to members of AISWA's Inaugural Curriculum Reference Group. Your valuable contributions across the year have played a key role in shaping responsive, well-informed services and programs for member schools, offering timely and insightful guidance about the priorities and needs within their schools.

Wishing you all the best for the remainder of the school year.



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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 – Year 12 Course Incentives

As a result of consultation across June-August this year, TISC have decided to continue the current Year 12 course incentives for Year 12 students to 2027, and bring together an incentives taskforce for future consultation. For more information, click [here](#).

Pathways to Post-School Success

Hot off the press .. the Review of Western Australian senior secondary Pathways Expert Panel Report was released earlier this week. This review proposes a suite of recommendations that ensure accessible and meaningful senior secondary pathways for all students. Read more [here](#).

AISWA Early Childhood Grants

Eligible Independent Schools are invited to apply for a small-scale grant to assist with their provision of a quality Early Childhood program. The two target groups for project application are Prior to School and Kindergarten. The total of each grant per school is \$2000 plus GST.

Details of the grants application process have been sent to Early Learning Coordinators. Closing date for applications is **Friday, 22 November**. Only Independent Schools funded through AISWA's Preschool Reform Agreement are eligible to apply.

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 - New Leadership Offering in 2025



AISWA, in partnership with the Australian Council of Education Leaders (ACEL), 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 our team [here](#).

National Certification - Information Session

Have you heard about National Certification for Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers (HALT)? Are you keen to understand more about the process of certification?

A webinar will be held early next year which will provide further information for



interested teachers. To be added to the EOI list for this event, please email [Karen LeRaye](mailto:karen@aiswa.edu.au).

FEATURED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Communication and Difficult Conversations Course – 26 November

This 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.

A Whole School Approach for Teaching Place Value

This 75 minute 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 with 14 videos. More information [here](#). Contact [David Dunstan](mailto:david@aiswa.edu.au) or call 0457 767 881 to make a booking.

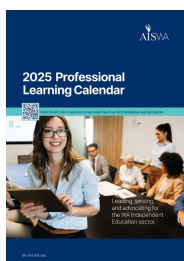
Professional Learning Opportunities

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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	
Arts		
29 November	Visual Arts Network Day	Register by 22 November
EAL/D		
20 November	7-12 EAL/D Network Meeting	Register by 15 November
Leadership		
27 November	CaRE: Navigating Ethical Leadership and Quality Decision-Making through Courageous Conversations	Register by 13 November
2 December	Reportable Conduct Scheme Workshop with the Ombudsman	Register by 26 November
Literacy		
11 December	Implementation of the Western Australian Curriculum: English	Register by 3 December
VET		
29 November	VET & Careers Coordinators Network Meeting	Register by 23 November

AISWA 2025 Professional Learning Calendar



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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](#).

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:

- **Australian Children's Laureate - Sally Rippin**
- **Tinker Lab - Iona Presentation College**
- **Vocabulary Development in Early Childhood Research**
- **The Benefits of Belonging to a Playgroup at School**
- **Who and where do we run a playgroup?**
- **Targeting the needs of children in our school community**

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

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:

- **Term 4 Network Day**

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

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

STAWA Future Science Conference

The annual STAWA Future Science Conference is on Monday, 2 December at UWA.

Dr Neil Robinson, the 2024 Premier's Science Prize 'Early Career Scientist of the Year' Winner will deliver the keynote address *Achieving Net Zero and a sustainable energy future*. There will also be four Principal speaker presentations, UWA scientists and over 40 concurrent workshops to select from to build your days program.

The conference also includes a trade expo to explore the latest classroom resources and specialist equipment. This is a fully catered event concluding with a networking sundowner.

For more details, visit their website [here](#).

Australia–ASEAN BRIDGE Program 2024 - 2026

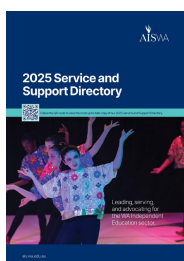
The Australia-ASEAN BRIDGE Program will facilitate people-to-people connections between educators and students across Australia and ASEAN Member Countries (except Indonesia and Myanmar) and Timor-Leste.

Program highlights:

- A dynamic network of 36 schools across 10 countries
- Partner with a school in Southeast Asia (for Australian schools)
- Gain opportunities for teacher and student connections and learning across the region
- Host a visiting educator and send a teacher to your partner school overseas
- Build long-term partnerships that enhance future learning opportunities for your students
- Prepare students for cross-regional collaboration in their future careers

Schools can submit their [Expression of Interest](#) before Friday, 29 November. For more information, click [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](#).

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](#)

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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