

## Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - September Edition

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

- Southwest Workshop
- Update to AISWA Facebook accounts
- 2024 Australian Teacher Workforce Survey
- Review of the School Education Act 1999
- Upcoming Professional Learning Events
- National Child Protection Week

### SOUTHWEST WORKSHOP

- Recently, Chris Massey, AISWA Executive Director, hosted the Southwest workshop for principals, boards members and senior leadership staff held at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.
- The full-day AISWA workshop consisted of presentations by Chris Massey and members of the AISWA leadership team, who provided AISWA updates and information regarding funding information, registration school and board responsibilities, legal matters, inclusive education, and school finances.
- Special thanks to Matthew O'Brien, Principal, and Estee Gordon, Executive Assistant, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School for hosting and organising the event.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: CLOSURE OF AISWA FACEBOOK PAGES



- Our official Facebook Page ([@AISWA.education](https://www.facebook.com/AISWA.education)) will now be the sole presence for our organisation on Facebook.
- As a result, other existing AISWA pages, including AISWA Teaching and Learning and AISWA Inclusive Education, will soon be decommissioned.
- To ensure continued engagement and access to relevant content, we have created corresponding Facebook Groups. We invite all members to join these Groups.
- 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](#)

## 2024 AUSTRALIAN TEACHER WORKFORCE SURVEY – OPEN NOW



- There is an opportunity for registered teachers to participate in the 2024 Australian Teacher Workforce Survey, a voluntary 10 to 15 minute survey.
- Teachers can access the survey on the [TRBWA website](#), by signing in to [Teacher Login](#), and then selecting the 'Australian Teacher Workforce Survey' tab.
- Data from the ATWD will be analysed to determine trends in teacher education, the teacher workforce and teacher supply, to inform national policy on how to better support the profession.
- The survey is expected to close on Friday, 25 October. More information [here](#).

## REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT 1999 - DISCUSSION PAPER

### Review of the School Education Act 1999 (WA)

On 4 December 2023, the Minister for Education, Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA announced a review of the School Education Act to identify opportunities to strengthen access and inclusion for students with disability. AISWA is actively involved in the review process and will be making a submission on behalf of its member schools.

Schools are also encouraged to share their ideas to help include students with disability by making their [own submission](#) or by providing [feedback to AISWA](#).

More information about the review [here](#).  
Download a copy of the 'Discussion Paper' [here](#).

## 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

### **Crowther Coaching Lab – Term 3 & 4**

Enrolments are now open for the online Crowther Coaching Lab. Facilitated by experienced, practicing coaches from Brighton Grammar School, this three session short lab scheduled for the weeks commencing 5 and 26 August, and 28 October, focuses on key coaching skills and solutions to common challenges and is ideal for teachers who want to implement coaching in a school; develop coaching skills; and move towards coaching mastery. Register [here](#).

### **Early Years Language Learning – 11 September**

Aimed at language teachers unfamiliar with the EYLF and/or those new to the early learning space, this workshop will present the principles and practices of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the new WA Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and offer ideas to integrate the framework's outcomes into a Pre-K to Year 2 languages classroom in practical and engaging ways. Register [here](#).

### **BrightPath Next Steps – 22 October**

Brightpath: Next Steps creates the opportunity to nurture and develop students' writing skills through literature and a focus on language, storytelling, character, and the creative process. This Train the Trainer course provides all the resources to engage staff to use quality literature to invigorate, stimulate, and explicitly teach students to write engaging stories. 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.

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

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

### **AICD Role of the Chair - 1 November**

The course provides an in-depth analysis of the chair's accountabilities and relationships with other board members and the principal. This is a fantastic opportunity for Board Chairs of AISWA schools to enhance their skills and knowledge. Don't miss out on this chance to learn from the best in the industry and take your governance skills to the next level.

Learning outcomes include:

- Describe the various roles of the chair both inside and outside the boardroom.
- Outline the leadership role of the chair.
- Identify how best to deal with particular governance situations, using independent school case studies.

*\*This course is heavily subsidised for AISWA full member schools. Places are strictly limited to 25. Register [here](#).*

## AICD Governance Foundations for Not-For-Profit Directors of Independent Schools – 7-8 November

This comprehensive face-to-face program consists of **three distinct half-day modules delivered over 1.5 days**:

- **Duties and Responsibilities of the Not-for-Profit Director**
- **Strategy and Risk for the Not-for-Profit Director**
- **Finance for the Not-for-Profit Director**

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Register [here](#).

Event Date	Title	
<b>Early Childhood</b>		
14 October	<a href="#">Education Assistant Professional Learning Day (REPEAT)</a>	Register by 8 October
28 October	<a href="#">Little Scientists Workshop - Engineering</a>	Register by 8 October
17 October	<a href="#">Mathematical Learning in the revised Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and EYLF v2.0 (PK and K educators)</a>	Register by 9 October
21 October	<a href="#">Leading with the National Quality Standard</a>	Register by 15 October
<b>Inclusive Education</b>		
17 September	<a href="#">Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum at AISWA</a>	Register by 11 September
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 September	<a href="#">Professional Learning for Arabic Language Teachers</a>	Register by 13 September
18 October	<a href="#">23 Things: Exploring digital technologies and AI in the Languages classroom</a>	Register by 10 October
<b>Literacy</b>		
13 September	<a href="#">English HoLAs Network Day</a>	Register by 6 September
30 September	<a href="#">Handwriting, Why and How to Teach It</a>	Register by 24 September
22 October	<a href="#">Literacy Bites - Children's Laureate Sally Rippin</a>	Register by 15 October
23 October	<a href="#">Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Comprehension</a>	Register by 17 October
24 October	<a href="#">Sharp Reading: Developing Decoding Fluency</a>	Register by 18 October

1 November	<a href="#">Secondary English Planning Day</a>	Register by 25 October
<b>Psychology and Wellbeing</b>		
28-29 October	<a href="#">Youth Mental Health First Aid</a>	Register by 21 October
<b>VET</b>		
13 September	<a href="#">Term 3 VET &amp; Careers Coordinators Network Meeting</a>	Register by 6 September

## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK: 1-7 SEPTEMBER



- During National Child Protection Week we invite you to speak up – and speak together – about what needs to change for every child in every community to have a fair go.
- The program including free webinars that are conducted during the week and resources will be available [here](#) soon with posters, stickers and banners already available.
- AISWA would love to see what you are doing at your school during National Child Protection week. Please [send](#) us your photos with a brief blurb so we can include it in a collage celebrating the week. Alternatively, if you would like to invite us to your school during this week, please [email](#) us.

*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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