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WELCOME

Welcome to the March edition of the CAP Newsletter.

Next week is our first Curriculum Reference Group meeting for the year. This group meets quarterly and plays a vital advisory role in shaping the provision of services and resources for member schools. Special thanks to Penrhos College for hosting this meeting.

We were delighted by the response to our new leadership program – Women in Educational Leadership. Launching this week and in partnership with ACEL, we welcome over 20 women as participants and 20 professional companions, in this exciting new initiative designed to empower and support women in their educational leadership journey.

A reminder that registrations are still open for the Learning in London Study Tour for school leaders. Delivered in partnership with University College London, this will be a unique and inspiring experience not to be missed! Find out more details [here](#).

As always, please be in touch if we can assist you in any way.

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HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICES (HIPS)



As an alternative to the HIPS in-school program, this one-day workshop on **Monday 7 April** aims to strengthen teacher's knowledge of evidence-informed high-impact teaching practices.

Teachers will build their confidence in implementing and adjusting practices for their contexts and expand their skills in self-assessment and reflective practices to continually refine and improve their teaching.

Visit the course [here](#).

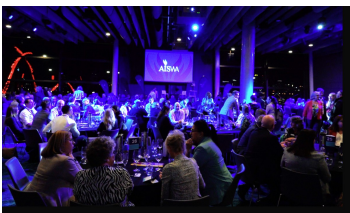
EARLY CAREERS TEACHERS NETWORK



Are you in your first 5 years of teaching? Would you like the opportunity to build your knowledge and network with other teachers at the same career stage? Join the Early Career Teacher network. With options to engage face-to-face or online, this termly meeting will build knowledge on a topic and give ECTs a chance to share their experiences. The term one meeting will focus on curriculum planning and will be presented by Abigail Robinson (Education Consultant, Curriculum).

Sign up [here](#) for the in-person series. Sign up [here](#) for the webinar. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Karen LeRaye](#).

AISWA LEADERS CONFERENCE



The AISWA Leaders Conference is back for 2025. Join us on **Monday 26 May** at Optus Stadium for an inspiring day designed for School Leaders, Principals and Board Members.

This year's theme *Thrive in Turbulent Times* will feature expert speakers on organisational culture, change management, cybercrime and life-affirming leadership—leaving you energised about education's future impact. Don't miss this premier event!

The Leaders Conference begins at 1pm with a light lunch and wraps up with a dinner concluding at 9pm. Secure your table—registrations open soon!

Full Conference (including dinner): \$325 + GST per person
Book for your School a Table of 10 (including dinner): \$2750 + GST

To receive booking details and be notified when registrations are open please email the [AISWA Events Team](#).

PHD & MASTERS OPPORTUNITIES - EINSTEIN-FIRST PROJECT



PhD & Masters Research Opportunities in Einsteinian Science Education

The Einstein-First Project is offering PhD, EdD, and Masters by Research positions to study the impact of teacher upskilling in Einsteinian Science on student learning, STEM subject choices, and career pathways. Explore the opportunity and apply now! Click [here](#) to learn more.

JOIN US - LEADERSHIP INTENSIVE IN LONDON



Enhance your leadership skills and connect with international education experts at University College London (UCL) from 30 September to 9 October.

What's Included?

- Expert-led workshops, panel discussions & case studies
- Visits to four innovative schools
- Three cultural excursions with educational insights
- Inquiry-based leadership model for real-world challenges
- Networking with WA Independent sector educators

Hosted by UCL's renowned Faculty of Education and Society, this program offers practical strategies to elevate educational outcomes.

Don't miss this transformative experience!

More information can be found at this [link](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Kris Stafford](#) or [Helen Aguiar](#).

ABLES ASSESSMENT TOOL



The ABLES assessment tool helps assess students based on their abilities, offering clear guidance and resources to support teaching. Covering seven learning domains, ABLES identifies observable skills in everyday classroom interactions, aiding educators in effective planning and instruction.

You can access further information [here](#).

EXTERNALLY SET TASKS (ESTs)



Printed copies of the ESTs will be available to schools for Year 12 General and Foundation courses from Friday 9 May 2025, and marking keys will be made available from Monday 12 May.

The ESTs will be delivered by schools from Monday 12 May to Friday 30 May. Marks are to be uploaded to SIRS by Tuesday 3 June.

AISWA/ACEL WOMEN IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (WIEL) PROGRAM LAUNCH



This week, over 40 passionate women in education will come together for the first time as they embark on the AISWA/ACEL **Women in Educational Leadership (WIEL) Program**.

This marks the beginning of an inspiring journey, spanning 6 months.

WIEL is designed to empower and equip women in educational leadership with the skills, networks, and confidence to thrive. We can't wait to see the impact these leaders will have!

Stay tuned for updates as the program unfolds.

NEW AND EARLY CAREER PRINCIPALS' NETWORK



A variety of metropolitan and regional principals join us this week for the first session of the New and Early Career Principals' Network.

The network will hear from Dr Lucy McCrory, Principal Mercedes College and Elliot Hateley, Principal Quintilian School, who will speak to the **First 100 days of being in a Principal role**.

If you would like further information about this network, please contact [Meika Pfeiffer-Gough](#).

RESPONSIBLE AI IN SCHOOLS



Education Services Australia (ESA) is developing a **Responsible AI Evaluation Framework** and seeks input from teachers, school leaders, and ICT staff. A short **anonymous survey** is open until **Friday 18 April** to gather insights on AI's benefits, risks, and ethical considerations in schools.

Share your perspective [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Caroline Miller](#).

Professional Learning Opportunities

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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 2025 PL and Event opportunities, you can also search the calendar [here](#).

Event Date	Title	
Curriculum and School Improvement		
28 March	VET Coordinators & Careers Educators Network Meeting	Register by 21 March
2 April	STEM Maker Space Taster - Recycled Construction and Loose Parts	Register by 26 March

7 April	High-Impact Practices (HIPS)	Register by 31 March
9 April	Reportable Conduct Scheme Workshop With the Ombudsman	Register by 2 April
Online Learning	Introduction to Mentoring	Register by 28 June
Governance and Business Operations		
25 March	Business Managers Masterclass: Financial Governance	Register by 18 March
Leadership and Development		
27 March - Day 1 28 March - Day 2	Early Career Teachers Program - Semester 1 Intake	Register by 18 March
10 April - Day 1 29 May - Day 2 12 August - Day 3 3 November - Day 4	In-Person Series: Early Careers Teachers Program	Register by 3 April
3 April - Day 1 4 June - Day 2 13 August - Day 3 12 November - Day 4	Webinar Series: Early Careers Teachers Program	Register by 27 March
29 April	Communication and Difficult Conversations for Leaders and Executive Staff	Register by 22 April
School and Student Support		
24 March	CRRE Conversations With Tracy Hart	Register by 18 March
24 March	Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum Educator Course	Register by 18 March
26 March	Trauma Aware Education	Register by 19 March
31 March - Day 1 1 April - Day 2	Youth Mental Health First Aid	Register by 24 March
1 April	Autism, ADHD and Neurodiversity: Webinar	Register by 25 March

SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT



Did you know that Early Childhood consultants can provide in-school professional learning workshops?

These can be tailored to the needs of your school in areas including:

- Sustainability

- Cultural Responsiveness
- Prior-to-School Programs
- Pedagogy
- Play-Based Learning
- Oral Language
- Early Literacy

If your school would like to arrange an in-school workshop on any topic relating to Early Childhood philosophy or practice, please reach out to [Janelle Dickinson](#).

ECU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CAREERS FAIR 2025



The Curriculum and Pedagogy team had a fantastic time attending the **School of Education Careers Fair** at ECU in Mt Lawley.

The event was a great success, providing an excellent opportunity to connect with aspiring educators, share insights about career pathways in independent schools, and showcase the support AISWA offers to teachers.

We look forward to continuing these valuable connections and welcoming new educators into the independent school sector.

HARMONY WEEK



Harmony Week is on **15 – 21 March**. This year's theme is "Everyone Belongs". Harmony Week aligns with the General Capabilities in the Western Australian Curriculum including:

- Intercultural understanding
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Critical and creative

By celebrating Harmony Week, young people build skills that support their contribution to a respectful, inclusive and connected society.

Please click [here](#) for free resources and ideas.

You are also invited to share images of your school's Harmony Day celebrations with us [here](#).

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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