



# PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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Queensland Association of Special Education Leaders Inc.

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## Reminders

P&Cs Qld Conference

**8 & 9 Sept**

**Sofitel Brisbane**

APPA National Conference

**12-15 Sept**

**Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane**

## From the President

Dear QASEL Members,

I trust your first weeks of Term 3 have been productive and that your wonderful students are making gains in their learning and like all of us managing the challenges of the cold weather.

Much has been happening. I want to thank those of you who have hosted me in your schools so far this term! I plan to see more of the great work that you as leaders together with your teams are doing for the benefit of our students across Queensland.

The recommendations of the Disability Review are continuing to be implemented and members are encouraged to share any concerns with me as these impact your work and your schools.

For QASEL, we had a minor hiccup with regard to our BM support. Our support hours based in SSO CO were temporarily vacant for a few weeks, as Sam took up a fulltime role in State School Operations. However, it has since transpired and because the hours needed to remain with SSO, that Sam has agreed to share her new role and also continue our QASEL hours, also for which I am very grateful! So welcome 'back' Sam! Sam also graduated with a Bachelor of Business Management AND a Bachelor of Economics last week. Congratulations Sam!

Please continue to invite me to your networks and schools.

Keep warm and have a wonderful weekend!

Yours in leadership and disability education,  
Warm regards

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## President's Upcoming Events

**ASEPA Board and Management Melbourne**  
**21-22 August**

ASELfQ Cohort 3 selection and Conference

*High Performing Teaching Teams are possible.... Read your special QASEL Conference edition to find out how...*

*More copies available for sale at \$25.00 ask our BM how!*

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## QASEL Conference 2018

Discussions around venue and keynote speakers have begun. Andrew Thompson will be convening the QASELCON17 committee to debrief and plan in the near future reflecting on evaluations and our partnership with GEMs in 2017.

## President's Update

This is the last President's update in this format. Watch your emails for transition to Schoolzine format and App and the integration of our communications over to the new platform.

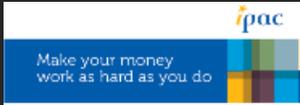
If you haven't yet heard about them please visit their [website](#).

Notifications will also be sent through to our social media pages on [Facebook](#) (@Queensland Association of Special Education Leaders) and [Twitter](#) (@QASEL). So be sure to connect with us so you can keep up to date.

## Recent President's Advocacy, Collaboration and Partnerships

- Executive Director selection panel State Schools – Disability and Inclusion (6 July)
- Dion Coghlan ED State School Resourcing PP&C Review and IT and STEM support (7 July)
- QCAA CEO Chris Rider (7 July)
- ASELfQ school leader interviews (11 July)
- Applicant Review Panel (11 July)
- Evaluation Review Committee Principals and HOSES (12 July)
- Premier's Adviser - Education – Fiona McNamara (13 July)
- Leigh Pickering ADG HR (14 July)
- Nick Burnett Mojo Maintenance (17 July)
- Queensland Audit Office Investing for Success feedback (17 July)
- Promotion Positions & Classification Review Principals Reference Group (18 July)
- Special Schools visits with Minister's Adviser Gary Austen to Beenleigh, Redland District and Mackenzie. Thanks Nicole, Andrew, Terry and teams! ☺ (18 July)
- Attended Positive Behaviour for Learning Conference event and sessions (Monday 17 and Wednesday 19 July)
- Meeting with Schoolzine to unpack facets of electronic newsletter, App and website (20 July)
- Infrastructure ADG and team Principal Associations (20 July)
- State Schools Advisory Group meeting (21 July)
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- QELi CEO Neil Cranston (24 July)

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- Showcase Board Meeting (25 July)
- Deborah Dunstone ADG SS-D&I Cairns (26 July)
- Cairns Special School Official Opening (26 July)
- State Schools – Inclusion, Access and Participation Team (27 July)

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## Actions

- ARD State wide Special Schools Role Feedback to DDG
- NDIS Productivity Commission inquiry into NDIS costs- QASEL Submission (see attached)

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## Further Information

### **Special School Enrolments and Changes to Documentation**

Special School Principals and Regional Directors were circulated the attached documentation on 12 July. I encourage those of you with queries or concerns to contact the [support.diversity@det.qld.gov.au](mailto:support.diversity@det.qld.gov.au). The issue of temporary attendance is a concern to DET and LALB and it is a clear expectation from the ADG Deborah Dunstone that the changes will be operational from Term 4 2017. Some QASEL members have responded already and it has been reported to me that this feedback has been predominantly supportive and positive. It has been a recommendation from me where possible, that face to face meetings with Special School personnel (possibly at Alliance meetings) and the planned three statewide webinars occur as soon as is practicable. This will also allow you opportunities to provide input and seek clarifications before Term 4.

### **Teacher Transfer Renewal External Stakeholder Reference Group**

This reference group is looking at the current transfer processes and BDO Kendall is undertaking background research to support this process. Eligibility and priority parameters are being considered as part of the process. At State Council, on 4 August, members will be updated as to the work of the project by members of DET Human Resources

### **Promotion Positions and Classification Review**

Dion Coghlan, Executive Director State Schools Resourcing, is leading this work. Deloitte Access Economics are the external consultants. The Principal Associations Reference Group is meeting regularly. The last meeting focused upon possible parameters/headings for the principal association submissions to the review which are due on 11 August. I have sought your input to the consultation process taking these headings discussed into account. Thank you to those members who have provided me with your feedback to date. Please keep this coming as I will be beginning to pull this together into a draft format over the next week.

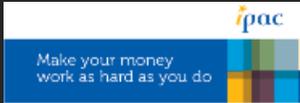
### **IT and STEM Support 2018**

Dion Coghlan, Executive Director State Schools Resourcing, is also leading this work.

### **Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)**

The QCT has released a report offering empirical evidence of what Queensland teachers have to say in response to a key question: Why choose teaching?

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The report provides previously unavailable evidence about specific drivers of choice that can be used to inform targeted recruitment strategies and decision development. It also identifies the intrinsic motivators that influence a person's choice to become a teacher, who influences their decision and how this information can be used. (See attached)

### **Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance changes**

At my meeting with Chris Rider, CEO QCAA, I was briefed around the 'roadshow' Chris and his staff had undertaken around the SATE changes. QCAA has a folder of materials available to school leaders and staff that outlines current vs changes to enable schools in their planning. Contact QCAA for to request this information.

### **School Improvement Unit**

Please see the attached report from Liam Smith, ED of the SIU, which outlines the activities of the SIU during Semester 1 2017.

### **REMINDER: P&Cs Queensland P&C Of the Year is available**

It is encouraging to hear that many schools are entering this competition. I again encourage Special Schools to 'get on board' also.

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## QUOTE of the Month

# 'Achieve the Extraordinary'

(Thanks to the students and staff of Cairns Special School)

Got a great quote/tip for the next President's Update? We'd love to hear it. Email to [bm@qasel.org.au](mailto:bm@qasel.org.au).

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## Holding a regional network meeting?

***Please send me the dates as I am planning the remainder of my schedule for the year and hope to get to visit as many of your schools and network meetings as possible.***

***We can then also possibly hold a QASEL meeting after school for current and prospective QASEL members!***

