

# 2023 Membership Benefits



**Independent Schools  
Queensland**

choice & diversity



**Independent Schools Queensland is the peak body representing Queensland's independent schooling sector.**

**We exist for our members.**



ISQ is a not-for-profit membership organisation governed by a Board of Directors. Directors are appointed for three-year terms with one-third of Directors retiring each year. The Board of Directors appoints a number of committees:

- Education Committee
- Finance Committee
- Remuneration and Nominations Committee.

The Board also establishes sub-committees to consider specific issues from time to time.

The ISQ Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 June 2023.

Since it was first formed in 1968, Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) has remained committed to supporting choice and diversity in education while representing the interests of independent schools across Queensland.

**ISQ is continually reviewing and expanding support services and resources for member schools to ensure you remain up-to-date with significant policy changes and have the necessary support to enhance your school services.**

**Membership of ISQ entitles your school to many benefits from a wide range of services created specifically to meet your needs.**

## 2023 Emerging Issues

ISQ will continue to work with the Queensland Government on priority issues for members including:

- framework review of Non-State School Accreditation Board
- creating a more fit-for-purpose and contemporary state recurrent distribution funding model
- transitioning from a verification funding model for Students with Disability to an effective NCCD based funding model
- working through relevant recommendations in the Queensland Human Right's Commission review of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

In conjunction with the sector's national peak body, Independent Schools Australia, ISQ will be advocating for critical issues including:

- the Draft National Teacher Workforce Action plan and its six priority areas
- managing worsening student results
- the Teacher Education Expert Panel to develop a quality measure for Initial Teacher Education courses
- addressing the shortfall in new school infrastructure to meet population growth and increasing demand for independent schooling.

## Leading Advocacy and Influence

ISQ provides a united and powerful voice for independent schools in policy and funding debates. ISQ represents and promotes the unique and diverse needs of independent schools, and champions for them in times of reform. ISQ regularly:

- meets with the Education Minister and State and Commonwealth department officers to discuss current issues of concern to independent schools
- lodges submissions on government policy or funding proposals which may impact independent schools
- hosts functions for member schools to network with key political representatives and business and community leaders
- represents the interests of the independent sector on a large range of boards, committees and advisory groups
- provides a strong representative voice for independent schools in the media.

Your membership also supports the work of Independent Schools Australia (ISA) – an advocacy body which represents the needs and interests of independent schools at a national level.

## ISQ Flagship Programs

ISQ offers a range of options to support schools to meet challenges while striving to continuously deliver excellent student outcomes through four flagship programs.

**GOVERNANCE SERVICES** has been developed specifically for independent schools. Specialist training can be adapted to suit the specific requirements of your board.

**GREAT TEACHERS IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS** empowers schools to deliver sustainable practices to lead and develop their teachers and school leaders.

**OUR SCHOOLS – OUR FUTURE** promotes informed public policy debate on current and emerging issues effecting schooling, and explores trends and issues in key areas.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES** supports schools to assess their effectiveness and plan for continuous improvement; empowering schools to undertake self-directed change.

## Specialist Professional Learning

ISQ is the trusted learning provider for the independent sector with more than 50 years' experience at the forefront of education innovation, offering specialist professional learning programs that are evidence-based and underpinned by best practice principles.

ISQ Connect&Learn is a tailored online professional learning hub enabling member schools to register for face-to-face events, live webinars and online learning offerings.

ISQ is driven to deliver quality informative experiences with industry professionals, offering an extensive calendar of professional learning opportunities to member schools.

Visit [www.isq.qld.edu.au/schools/teachers/professional-learning-events](http://www.isq.qld.edu.au/schools/teachers/professional-learning-events)

## Specialist Support

ISQ is a respected source of guidance on the leadership and operation of independent schools. Specialist training, resources and programs are available in a range of areas:

- all aspects of school business management and compliance
- student support services
- support for kindergarten services
- leadership development for new, aspiring and middle leaders
- identification, development and certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers according to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers
- school reviews across a number of focus areas.

## Keeping Members Informed

ISQ will keep you in touch with the latest education news and ISQ events on a regular basis:

**MEMORANDA** (weekly email) latest memos and other useful information

**NEWS WRAP** (weekly email) a summary of media and political statements

**BRIEFINGS** (quarterly publication) an opinion piece from the Chief Executive Officer and a research feature from a Director or ISQ Professional

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING & EVENTS** (monthly email) a summary of what's on in professional learning for the month ahead

**STRATEGIC BRIEFINGS** (periodically) analysis of key strategic issues from the Chief Executive Officer

**THE SCHOOL BELL** a regular podcast about issues of importance to Queensland independent schools

**FOCUS AREA UPDATES** (regular email) information for specialist groups in their areas of interest

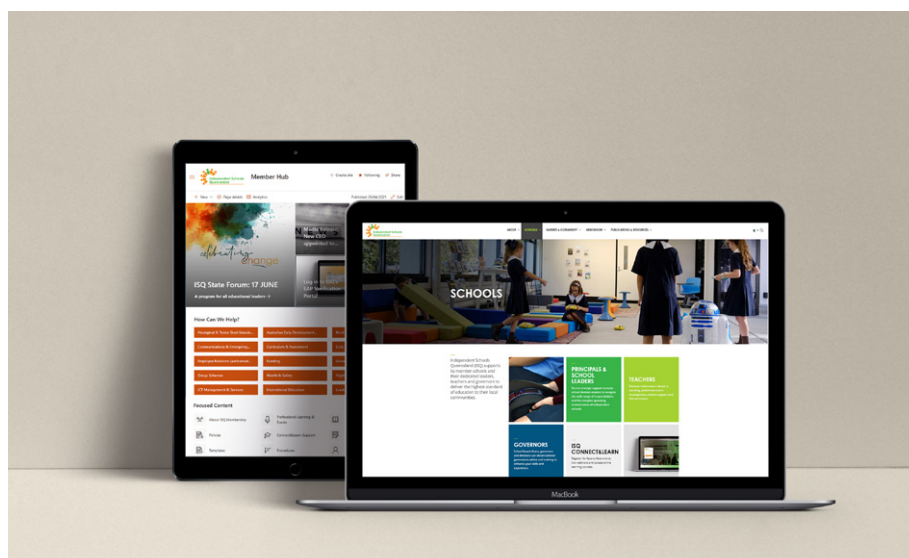
**SOCIAL MEDIA** instant updates through Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook

**ISQ'S MEMBER HUB** delivers comprehensive information about our activities and services. The secure member-only content area requires a login and is available to all staff at ISQ member schools.

## Executive Staff

The operations of ISQ are managed by an executive team comprising:

- Christopher Mountford, Chief Executive Officer
- Stuart McDowall, Chief Operating Officer
- Mark Newham, Director (School Improvement & Performance)



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