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Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) aligns itself with other organisations which are also determined to make a difference. ISQ's Alliance Partnerships are built on trust, commitment and responsibility. They are partners that lead with value.

2026

Independent Schools Queensland is the specialist professional learning provider for the independent schooling sector.

Welcome

Independent Schools Queensland is your dedicated partner in education, presenting a variety of enriching professional learning experiences and events for 2026. Our program, led by industry experts, offers diverse opportunities for learning and growth, enhancing your team's skills and supporting their career ambitions.

The 2026 program offers members a range of event styles to suit your learning needs. This includes targeted Programs, Workshops, Networking Opportunities, Masterclasses and Showcases. To ensure access for all members, many of these events will be offered across three flexible learning modes: in-person for direct interaction, live webinars for remote access, and self-paced online modules. Additionally, we offer hybrid options that combine face-to-face engagement with live webinars for a balanced learning experience.

I encourage all school leaders to explore and share the 2026 ISQ Professional Learning & Services Guide with their teams. You can find out more about these events and register on ISQ's professional learning hub, Connect&Learn.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Professional learning with ISQ

ISQ is dedicated to providing high-quality professional learning that equips educators and school leaders to drive excellence and achieve improved student outcomes. For more than 50 years, ISQ has been at the forefront of independent schooling and education innovation, providing unmatched learning experiences in partnership with industry leaders.

Every year thousands of independent school leaders and staff choose ISQ as their trusted learning provider and work towards ensuring member schools remain at the forefront of education innovation, leadership development and continuous whole school improvement.

ISQ is defined by its members, not by distance, and will continue to prioritise member's access to quality professional learning. In 2026, members in all parts of the state can connect with peers and respected experts via ISQ's catalogue of in-person events, webinars and self-paced e-learning modules.

ISQ has more than 300 high-quality programs, events, webinars and modules designed to:

- enhance the knowledge, skills, strategies and practices of schools and leaders
- build board, principal and teaching capability and capacity
- create and nurture professional communities of like-minded education practitioners
- improve student outcomes at every achievement level.

More professional learning opportunities will be added throughout the year.

ISQ is your specialist learning provider, delivering credible, research-based learning with outstanding schoolwide outcomes.

Professional development areas

CURRICULUM, TEACHING & LEARNING

Independent school educators are driven to initiate change, workforce innovation, shape effective teaching and learning teams, and build professional learning communities for the benefit of the next generation.

Topics: Pedagogy Improvement, Mathematics, Literacy, Curriculum Compliance..

SPECIALIST AREAS

Independent schools are devoted to providing a quality education for all students. Improving an educator's experience, knowledge, or skill in a particular subject area can have a positive impact on learning.

Topics: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Inclusive Education, International Education, Kindergarten & Early Childhood, Wellbeing, VET.

GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS

Effective school leaders and business administrators drive organisational culture and efficiency, lead by example and encourage performance by bringing out the best in their people.

Topics: Business Management, Employee Relations, Governance, ICT, Leadership, School Improvement, Workforce Innovation, Media & Communications.

How to learn…it's your choice

ISQ offers a range of event styles, so members can find the type of event that suits their preference.

PROGRAMS

ISQ programs are targeted to member needs, research-based and involve commitment across one to two years. We encourage you to visit the Programs page on the ISQ Member Hub and explore the 2026 programs on offer. Here you will find comprehensive information about individual programs including program content, intended outcomes and timelines for events and deliverables. View the 2026 programs here.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops are events where participants complete work and activities that will be of benefit to their current role. Workshops often run over one or two days and allow participants to engage in intensive learning, discussion and/or practical application.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Many ISQ events include allocated time and structure in the program for participants to expand their networks and share experiences in a more social context. Networking provides the opportunity to meet peers within the independent schooling sector and gain insights from other education professionals.

MASTERCLASSES

ISQ masterclasses include a deep dive into the subject matter, featuring the expertise of an academic or industry expert. Members will be able to develop a deep understanding of the topic being presented.

SHOWCASES

ISQ showcases feature presentations from a selection of leading educational thought leaders. They provide an opportunity to hear from educators from other member schools as they showcase improvements they have made in a formal presentation cycle.

Let's get started
Your step-by-step guide

STEP 1: Review the Guide

Take the opportunity to highlight events that are of interest.

STEP 2: Click the link

When viewing the guide on an electronic device, simply click the calendar listing to go directly to the event of interest. Alternately, go to the 'ISQ Events' tab on Connect&Learn, then browse and click on the event of interest. If you need to log in, refer to STEP 3.

STEP 3: Register or Log In to ISQ Connect&Learn

New users need to create a login. A Quick Reference Guide has been developed to help you navigate your way through ISQ Connect&Learn. Some events may have a cost associated – schools will be charged for paid events upon registration. Where applicable, the payment options available are displayed on Connect&Learn.

STEP 4: Register for an event

To register for an event, sign into Connect&Learn, search and select the event under the 'ISQ Events' tab, then select 'Get Tickets'.

STEP 5: Keep up-to-date

School leaders are encouraged to access the live Event Calendar in ISQ Connect&Learn for up-to-date information. You can review your preferences and update your details in Connect&Learn.

Update your preferences here

IN-PERSON

ISQ will offer more than 116 in-person and hybrid events in 2026. Members can maximise their learning experience at ISQ's purpose-built training room in South Brisbane. ISQ also offers regional professional learning opportunities to members outside of South-East Queensland.

ONLINE - LIVE WEBINARS

ISQ continues to expand the catalogue of live webinars, using video conferencing tools to meet the diverse needs of our members. In 2026, ISQ will host more than 130 webinars as stand-alone events, hybrid events, and critical sessions within professional learning programs.
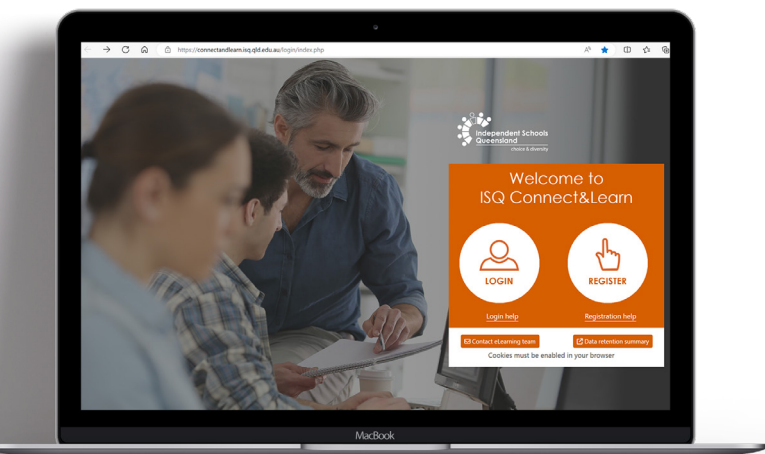
E-LEARNING

ISQ delivers over 60 courses and individual modules online. This self-paced mode of learning sustains continuous improvement among all member schools, facilitating greater access to high-quality professional growth and development, without the need for travel.

ISQ programs

ISQ Programs offer a comprehensive range of professional development opportunities for school staff. Participants are challenged to take part in a range of activities that are designed to foster growth and development.

Which program will you choose?

Aspiring Principals Program

The Aspiring Principals program involves tailored capacity building based on your specific needs. Its purpose is to thoroughly prepare you for your first principal position. This is a significant investment in your personal growth to position you as a high-quality candidate for future principal positions. | **VIEW NOW**

Beginning Teacher Program

The Beginning Teacher Program supports graduate and proficient teachers in their early years of teaching within the independent school sector. It offers expert advice on effective teaching strategies and opportunities for networking and sharing experiences throughout the year. The program includes a series of workshops designed to equip beginning teachers with practical strategies and foster connections across the sector. | **VIEW NOW**

Consent and Respectful Relationships Education (CRRE) Intensive Project NEW

This project is designed to support schools in implementing a best-practice, evidence-based, whole-school approach to CRRE. With the expertise of Curtin University and their Respect and Sexuality Education team, your school will embark on a journey through audit, planning, and ongoing support, to be empowered to create safer, more respectful environments for all students. | **VIEW NOW**

Executive Leadership Suite

The Executive Leadership Suite is designed for both new and experienced school leaders, aiming to strengthen strategic thinking and leadership capability while fostering meaningful peer connections. The program includes masterclasses, discussions, and networking opportunities delivered in various formats by guest speakers and subject matter experts. | **VIEW NOW**

Log in to Connect&Learn to view upcoming events

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connectandlearn.isq.qld.edu.au

Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Certification (HALT)

Overseen by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), this certification recognises outstanding teachers for their expertise and impact. Applicants undergo a rigorous evaluation process, including evidence gathering, classroom observations, and peer and student reviews, to demonstrate their teaching practices and effectiveness. | **VIEW NOW**

Leadership Essentials Program

The Leadership Essentials Program empowers new and aspiring leaders with transformative skills and innovative practices to drive excellence, inclusivity, and resilience in schools and communities. ISQ, in partnership with Thriving Minds Global, offers this program for both teaching and non-teaching staff ready to advance their careers and build foundational leadership skills. | **VIEW NOW**

Leading Educator Wellbeing Program NEW

In this year long program, you will have the opportunity to focus on ways you can lead educator wellbeing and on how you maintain your own wellbeing as a busy leader. Whether you are already on the journey to achieving this or you are just starting out, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn from experts, and to collaborate with fellow leaders. | **VIEW NOW**

Mastering Parent Engagement Program

This year-long, scaffolded program will help you understand the importance of parent engagement in high-performing schools, assess your current approach, and learn from experts and peers. This program draws on national and international research to demystify parent engagement. You'll assess your school's practices and make impactful tweaks to harness the power of parents for better academic and wellbeing outcomes. | **VIEW NOW**

Mastering Parent Engagement PLUS

Mastering Parent Engagement Plus is a year-long, invitation-only program designed to support school leadership teams in driving parent engagement. Participants must have completed ISQ's Mastering Parent Engagement Program or the Engaging Parents in Curriculum (EPIC) Research Project to be eligible. | **VIEW NOW**

Mathematics Program

This blended professional development program covers the science of learning and effective teaching principles, including Explicit Instruction, Retrieval/Spaced/Interleaved Practice, and Formative Assessment. Schools receive tailored support, trial new methods, and showcase progress, ensuring approaches align with their specific context. | **VIEW NOW**

Middle Leaders Program

Middle Leaders support colleagues in teaching and learning, often stepping into leadership roles without formal training. They must demonstrate effective personal, social, and interpersonal skills with diverse stakeholders to lead change, meet school priorities, and improve outcomes. Designed for middle leaders, heads of curriculum or sub-schools, and teachers who have some leadership experience and seek to enhance their coaching skills. | **VIEW NOW**

New Principals Program

The New Principals Program is ISQ's premier leadership initiative for independent school principals in their first two years. This 18-month, invitation-only program helps new principals meet the demands of their role and accelerate their leadership skills. It offers support, mentoring, and networking opportunities, covering essential leadership areas like school finances, governance, strategic planning, legislation, and policy development. | **VIEW NOW**

New to VET in Schools Mentoring Program NEW

The New to VET in Schools Mentoring Program is an intensive professional development initiative specifically designed to equip new VET coordinators, managers, and support staff with the essential knowledge and confidence required to successfully operate VET programs within Queensland Independent Schools. | **VIEW NOW**

Research to Reality: Pedagogy Improvement NEW

The Research to Reality - Pedagogy Improvement Program will support schools to articulate what good teaching looks like in their context and, using ISQ templates and resources, develop a pedagogical model and implementation plan. ISQ experts will support schools to trial, refine and rollout the pedagogical model across their school. | **VIEW NOW**

Reimagining Student Engagement Program NEW

This year long program, will provide the opportunity for participants to learn about how to develop students to position them as active partners in the learning process. This will be an opportunity to be active in learning that will lead to long-term improvement within each unique school context. | **VIEW NOW**

Responsible AI Framework Project NEW

The Responsible AI Framework Project is an opportunity for independent schools to be supported through ethical and effective AI adoption. Participating schools will receive targeted support to develop and implement a Responsible AI Framework tailored to their context. | **VIEW NOW**

January

23 Embedding Connections: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives in Early Childhood

February

3 New Director Induction Ⓦ
4 Navigating the Kindy Hub Ⓦ
5 New Business Managers Induction Ⓜ
6 New Business Managers Induction Ⓜ
10 Adventures in AI Series: AI Literacy For Educators Ⓦ
12 Leadership Essentials Program Workshop - Unit 1
12 Executive Management Suite - Module 1 Ⓦ
12 Reimagining Student Engagement - Webinar 1 Ⓦ
12 Evolve Therapeutic Services - Introduction to Developmental Trauma Ⓦ
13 Governance Course Workshop: Modules 1–3

Stay Informed

Ensure you never miss an event.

Subscribe to ISQ's monthly professional learning and events email today.

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February continued

16 Early Childhood Forum Ⓜ
17 Early Childhood Forum Ⓜ
17 Governance Course - Module 1 Ⓦ
18 Governance Course - Module 2 Ⓦ
18 Be You - Critical Incident Leadership Briefing Ⓦ
18 Embedding Connections: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives in Early Childhood
18 Curriculum Leaders Forum Ⓗ
19 Governance Course - Module 3 Ⓦ
19 Inclusive Education Webinar Series Ⓦ
19 Middle Leaders Forum Ⓜ
20 Middle Leaders Forum Ⓜ
20 Preparing for the NSSAB Compliance Review Ⓦ
23 Primary Maths Masterclass Ⓗ
24 Secondary Maths Masterclass Ⓗ
25 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 1 Unit 2 Ⓦ
25 New to VET in Schools Mentoring Program - Session 1 Ⓦ
25 HR Discussion Group Ⓦ
26 Masterclass 1 - Mastering Parent Engagement
26 International Education Orientation Day
26 Supporting School Communities: Drug and Alcohol Education Webinar Series Ⓦ
27 Masterclass 1 - Mastering Parent Engagement
27 International Education Networking Day

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Ⓗ HYBRID (IN-PERSON + WEBINAR)
Ⓦ WEBINAR (ONLINE)
Ⓜ MULTI-DAY

March

3 Governance Course - Module 4 Ⓦ
4 Governance Course - Module 5 Ⓦ
4 Belonging by Design - A Whole School Approach to Wellbeing Ⓗ
5 Governance Course - Module 6 Ⓦ
5 Workshop 1 - Mastering Parent Engagement Plus
10 The Art of a 'Good' Conversation
10 Understanding the Functions of a Central Governing Body in Kindergarten Ⓦ
11 Executive Leadership Suite - Masterclass 1
11 New to VET in Schools Mentoring Program - Session 2 Ⓦ
12 Executive Management Suite - Module 2 Ⓦ
12 CRRE Webinar Series: Strengthening Consent and Respectful Relationships Education Ⓦ
12 Chair Connect Ⓦ
13 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 2 Unit 2 Ⓦ
13 EA Connect
16 Reportable Conduct Investigations
17 Governance Course - Module 7 Ⓦ
17 Practical Training in Media Issues and Crisis Management
18 Governance Course - Module 8 Ⓦ
18 Aspiring Principals 2025–26 - Workshop 3
18 Inclusive and Individualised Learning in Early Childhood Ⓦ
18 Behaviour Series - Day 1 Ⓦ
19 Governance Course - Module 9 Ⓦ
19 Beginning Teachers Masterclass
19 Reimagining Student Engagement Ⓦ
20 Beginning Teachers Masterclass
20 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
20 Responsible AI in Schools Summit
20 Essentials for Schools Considering CRICOS Registration
23 New Principals 2025–26 Workshop 3
23 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 1 Ⓦ
23 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
23 Research to Reality Ⓦ Ⓜ
24 Research to Reality Ⓦ Ⓜ
24 Workshop 1 - Mastering Parent Engagement Collective
24 Adventures in AI Series: CANVA AI 101 Ⓦ

March continued

25 New to VET in Schools Mentoring Program - Session 3 Ⓦ
25 Leading Educator Wellbeing - Workshop 1 Ⓗ
26 Executive Management Suite - Module 3 Ⓦ
26 Research to Reality Ⓜ
27 Research to Reality Ⓜ
30 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
30 Leadership Essentials Program - Workshop Unit 2
31 Governance Course - Module 10 Ⓦ
31 Schools Marketing & Communications Networking Event

April

1 Governance Course - Module 11 Ⓦ
2 Governance Course - Module 12 Ⓦ
22 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 2 Ⓦ
24 Governance Course Workshop: Modules 4–6
27 Harmonise & Innovate
27 International Education Hot Topic Ⓦ
27 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
28 Be You - Postvention Planning Workshop
28 Adventures in AI Series: Building your own chatbot Ⓦ
28 Governance Course - Module 1 Ⓦ
29 VET Coordinator and Career Practitioner Forum Ⓗ
29 Middle Leaders Program - Webinar 1 Ⓦ
29 Governance Course - Module 2 Ⓦ
30 VET Coordinator and Career Practitioner Forum Ⓗ
30 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 1 Unit 3 Ⓦ
30 Executive Management Suite - Elective 1 Ⓦ
30 Leading Educator Wellbeing Ⓦ
30 Governance Course - Module 3 Ⓦ

May

1 QIS BGA Master Plan Masterclass
1 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
5 True - Comprehensive Sexuality Education (Primary)
6 Executive Leadership Suite - Masterclass 2
6 Beginning Teachers Webinar 1 Ⓦ
7 Working with families to address school refusal
7 Reimagining Student Engagement - Webinar 2 Ⓦ
11 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
12 MATSI School Principals' Online Network Event Ⓦ
12 New Principals 2026–27 Forum Ⓜ
13 New Principals 2026–27 Forum Ⓜ
14 New Principals 2026–27 Forum Ⓜ
14 Curriculum Leaders Forum Ⓗ
14 Executive Management Suite - Module 4 Ⓦ
14 CRRE Webinar Series: Strengthening Consent and Respectful Relationships Education Ⓦ
18 Reportable Conduct Investigations ●
19 Governance Course - Module 7 Ⓦ
20 Governance Course - Module 8 Ⓦ
21 Curriculum Leaders Forum ●
21 Business Managers Briefing Ⓦ
21 Supporting School Communities: Drug and Alcohol Education Webinar Series Ⓦ
21 Governance Course - Module 9 Ⓦ
22 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 2 Unit 3 Ⓦ
22 Educational Leader Series Ⓦ
22 Reportable Conduct Investigations
25 School Services Regional Tour ●
26 School Services Regional Tour ●
26 Executive Leadership Suite - Masterclass 3
26 School Leaders & Business Managers' Workshop ●
26 The Heart of Learning: Wellbeing/ Respectful Relationships Ⓗ
27 The Heart of Learning: Wellbeing / Respectful Relationships Ⓗ
27 School Services Regional Tour ●
27 Governance Breakfast ●
27 HR Discussion Group Ⓦ
27 Middle Leaders Program - Webinar 2 Ⓦ
28 Workshop 2 - Mastering Parent Engagement Plus

May continued

28 ICT Manager Forum Ⓗ
28 Curriculum Leaders Forum ●
28 Evolve Therapeutic Services - An Introduction to Trauma Ⓦ
29 International Education Networking Day Ⓗ

June

1 True - Comprehensive Sexuality Education in a High School Context
2 International Education: CRICOS Workshop For School Principals Ⓦ
4 Leadership Essentials Program Workshop Unit 3
4 Curriculum Leaders Forum ●
4 Executive Management Suite - Module 5 Ⓦ
4 Evolve Therapeutic Services - Trauma Integrated Practices Ⓦ
8 New Principals 2025–26 - Workshop 4
8 Navigating the Kindy Hub Ⓦ
9 Behaviour Series - Day 2
10 Improving First Nations Student Engagement Masterclass
10 Inclusive Education Webinar Series – Planning for Effective Use of TAS Ⓦ
10 HR/ER Conference Ⓜ
11 HR/ER Conference Ⓜ
11 Reimagining Student Engagement - Community of Practice 2 Ⓦ
11 Working with Families of Anxious Children
12 QIS BGA Master Plan Masterclass
12 Governance Forum
15 Aspiring Principals 2025–26 - Workshop 4
16 Governance Course - Module 10 Ⓦ
17 Rural and Remote Online NCCD Moderation Ⓦ
17 Governance Course - Module 11 Ⓦ
18 Executive Management Suite - Module 6 Ⓦ
18 Governance Course - Module 12 Ⓦ
22 Kindy Network (ISKN - Meeting 3 Ⓦ
30 Aspiring Principals 2026–27 - Residential Ⓜ

2026 calendar

July

1 Aspiring Principals 2026–27 - Residential (M)
2 Aspiring Principals 2026–27 - Residential (M)
3 Aspiring Principals 2026–27 - Residential (M)
14 New Director Induction (W)
15 Bandscales for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander EAL/D Learners (M)
16 Bandscales for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander EAL/D Learners (M)
17 Leading Educator Wellbeing - Workshop 2 (H)
17 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 4 (W)
20 Leadership Essentials Program Workshop Unit 1
20 School Services Regional Tour ●
21 School Services Regional Tour ●
22 School Services Regional Tour ●
23 School Services Regional Tour ●
21 NLLIA ESL Bandscales Training (M)
22 NLLIA ESL Bandscales Training (M)
23 Reimagining Student Engagement - Webinar 3 (W)
23 Middle Leaders Forum (M)
24 Middle Leaders Forum (M)
27 Practical Training in Media Issues and Crisis Management
28 The Art of a 'Good' Conversation
29 Be You - Critical Incident Leadership Briefing (W)
29 Governance Course - Module 1 (W)
29 Science of Reading and Writing (Middle/Secondary) (M)
30 Science of Reading and Writing (Middle/Secondary) (M)
29 Governance Course - Module 2 (W)
29 Governance Course - Module 3 (W)
30 Executive Management Suite - Module 7 (W)
30 Chair Connect
31 Executive Leadership Suite - Masterclass 4

August

3 The Whole Child: Supporting Transitions from Kindergarten to School (H)
4 New Principals 2025–26 - Workshop 5
5 Science of Reading and Writing (Middle/Secondary) (W)
6 Science of Reading and Writing (Middle/Secondary) (W)
6 Workshop 3 - Mastering Parent Engagement Plus
6 Evolve Therapeutic Services - Polyvagal Theory (W)
7 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 1 Unit 2 (W)
7 EA Connect
7 Governance Course Workshop: Modules 7–9
10 Aspiring Principals 2025–26 - Workshop 5
11 Beginning Teachers Webinar 2 (W)
13 International Education Orientation Day (H)
13 Executive Management Suite - Module 8 (W)
13 CRRE Webinar Series (W)
14 International Education Networking Day (H)
17 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 2 Unit 2 (W)
17 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 5 (W)
18 Queensland Independent Schools Summit (QISS) ● (M) 🚀
19 Queensland Independent Schools Summit (QISS) ● (M) 🚀
20 Queensland Independent Schools Summit (QISS) ● (M) 🚀
24 Understanding the Functions of a Central Governing Body in Kindergarten (W)
24 Improving First Nations Student Engagement Masterclass ●
26 HR Discussion Group (W)
27 Governance Course - Module 4 (W)
27 Governance Course - Module 5 (W)
27 Governance Course - Module 6 (W)
27 Supporting School Communities: Drug and Alcohol Education Webinar Series (W)
27 Middle Leaders Program - Webinar 1 (W)

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September

2 Leading Whole School Inclusion (M)
3 Leading Whole School Inclusion (M)
3 Leadership Essentials Program Workshop Unit 2
3 Executive Management Suite - Module 9 (W)
3 Leading Educator Wellbeing - Community of Practice 2 (W)
4 What Good Maths Teaching Looks Like
8 Design Quality and Delivery Workshop
8 Inclusive and Individualised Learning in Early Childhood (W)
9 New Principals 2026–27 - Workshop 1
10 Reimagining Student Engagement - Community of Practice 3 (W)
10 Inclusive Education Webinar Series - Positive Behaviour Support (W)
10 Improving First Nations Student Engagement Masterclass ●
10 Business Managers Forum (M)
11 Business Managers Forum (M)
14 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 6 (W)
15 Beginning Teachers Webinar - Portfolio Building (W)
16 Governance Course Module 10 (W)
16 Governance Course Module 11 (W)
16 Governance Course Module 12 (W)
17 Executive Management Suite - Elective 2 (W)
18 Educational Leader Series: Purposeful Leadership in Early Childhood Education (W)
21 Aspiring Principals 2026–27 - Workshop 1

October

8 Safeguarding Forum
8 Post Occupancy Evaluation Workshop
8 Leading Educator Wellbeing - Community of Practice 3 (W)
9 Governance Course Workshop: Modules 10–12
12 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 1 Unit 3 (W)
12 New Principals 2026–27 - Workshop 2
12 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 7 (W)
14 Executive Leadership Suite - Masterclass 5
14 Middle Leaders Program - Webinar 2 (W)
15 Masterclass 2 - Mastering Parent Engagement
15 Complex Case Collaboration (H)
15 Beginning Teachers Webinar 3 (W)
20 Bandscales for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander EAL/D Learners - Moderation Day
21 Curriculum Leaders Forum (H)
22 Workshop 4 - Mastering Parent Engagement Plus
22 International Education Hot Topic (W)
22 Reimagining Student Engagement - Webinar 4 (W)
22 CRRE Webinar Series: Strengthening Consent and Respectful Relationships Education (W)
26 Aspiring Principals 2026–27 - Workshop 2

October continued

27 Harmonise & Innovate (H)
27 Be You - Postvention Planning Review Workshop (H)
27 Governance Course - Module 4 (W)
28 ESL Moderation
28 Governance Course - Module 5 (W)
29 Workshop 2 - Mastering Parent Engagement Collective
29 Curriculum Leaders Forum ●
29 Executive Management Suite - Elective 3 (W)
29 Evolve Therapeutic Services - Buffering ACEs (W)
29 Governance Course - Module 6 (W)

November

3 Leadership Essentials Program - Webinar 2 Unit 3 (W)
4 Teaching and Learning Showcase (H)
5 Curriculum Leaders Forum ●
5 Post Occupancy Evaluation Workshop
5 Supporting School Communities: Drug and Alcohol Education Webinar Series (W)
5 Governance Masterclass (W)
6 International Education Networking Day
9 Youth Mental Health First Aid (M)
10 Youth Mental Health First Aid (M)

November continued

11 True - Comprehensive Sexuality Education in a Disability Context
12 Curriculum Leaders Forum ●
12 Business Managers Briefing (W)
12 Evolve Therapeutic Services - Harmful Sexualised Behaviours (W)
16 Leadership Essentials Program Workshop Unit 3
16 Kindy Network (ISKN) - Meeting 8 (W)
18 Governance Course - Module 7 (W)
18 HR Discussion Group (W)
18 Governance Course - Module 8 (W)
18 Governance Course - Module 9 (W)
19 Inclusive Education Webinar Series – Supporting Personalised Learning (W)
26 ICT Managers Forum (H)

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SPECIAL OFFER

ISQ CORPORATE RATE – EMPORIUM HOTEL, SOUTH BANK

Are you staying overnight to attend a PD day? ISQ is happy to provide members with access to a special Corporate Rate for accommodation at the Emporium Hotel South Bank.

The Emporium Hotel is located across the road from the ISQ office in South Brisbane and offers a range of hotel services and amenities.

Rate options:
Sunday – Thursday
Vista King Suite $279.00 including internet
Urban Vista King Suite $305.00 including internet

How to book:
Members and guests will be able to book a room at discounted rates via this link: https://reservations.travelclick.com/103264?RatePlanId=8219802
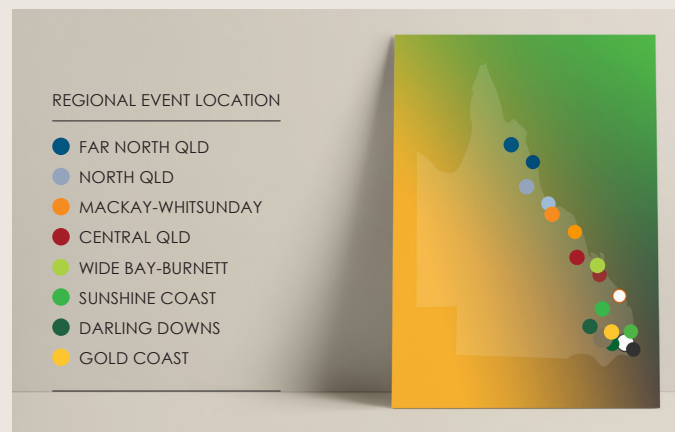
The ISQ Corporate Rate can also be accessed by using the promo code 'ISQLD' when booking on the hotel's website.

Alternatively, you can contact the Hotel's reservations directly on 07 3556 3333 or via reservations@emporiumhotels.com.au

Spotlight on regional events

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Spotlight on Regional Schools

About 40% of independent schools are located in regional or remote Queensland and educate about 26% of all independent school students.

The 2026 professional learning program has been designed to ensure that members in regional and remote areas have access to a rich and varied suite of learning opportunities. Whether you're looking to build capability, connect with peers, or explore new ideas, there is something for every school.

To support participation across all regions, many events are offered in **three flexible formats**:

- **In-person** regional events for those who value face-to-face learning (refer to the list on page 13)
- Over **130 live webinars** for real-time access from any location
- Over **60 self-paced online modules** for learning at your own convenience.

Additionally, over **20 hybrid options** are available, combining in-person and online elements to provide a balanced and accessible learning experience.

More regional events will be added throughout the year, including regional Kindy Networking sessions, with professional learning timed in response to changing processes and needs within the sector.

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IN PERSON EVENTS

Far North Queensland – Cairns ●

11 MAY Reportable Conduct Investigations
4 JUN Curriculum Leaders Forum
24 AUG Improving First Nations Student Engagement Masterclass

North Queensland – Townsville ●

18 MAY Reportable Conduct Investigations
25–27 MAY School Services Regional Tour
26 MAY School Leaders & Business Manager's Workshop
27 MAY Governance Breakfast
29 OCT Curriculum Leaders Forum

Central Queensland – Rockhamton ●

23 MAR Reportable Conduct Investigations
21 MAY Curriculum Leaders Forum
10 SEP Improving First Nations Student Engagement Masterclass

Mackay-Whitsunday ●

5 NOV Curriculum Leaders Forum: Mackay

Wide Bay-Burnett ●

1 MAY Reportable Conduct Investigations: Bundaberg
28 MAY Curriculum Leaders Forum: Hervey Bay
12 NOV Curriculum Leaders Forum: Bundaberg

Sunshine Coast ●

20 MAR Reportable Conduct Investigations

Darling Downs – Toowoomba ●

27 APR Reportable Conduct Investigations

Gold Coast ●

30 MAR Reportable Conduct Investigations
18–20 AUG Queensland Independent Schools Summit (QISS) 🚀
20–23 JUL School Services Regional Tour

e-Learning @ ISQ

ISQ delivers a wide range of courses and individual modules online. This self-paced mode of learning sustains continuous improvement among all member schools, facilitating greater access to high-quality professional growth and development, without the need for travel.

Courses include:

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**
  – Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspective in Numeracy
  – Partnering with Local Indigenous Communities
- **Business Manager**
  – School Business Manager Introduction
- **Child Protection**
  – Child Protection for Teachers
  – Child Protection for Early Childhood Educators and Care Professionals
  – Child Protection for Principals and Board Members
  – Child Protection for Non-Teaching Staff
- **Coaching & Mentoring**
  – Beginning Teachers
  – Becoming a Mentor: Nurturing the Potential of Others
- **Communications**
  – Effective Media Management
- **Curriculum & Assessment**
  – Introduction to Leading Curriculum
- **Differentiation**
  – Differentiating the educational program for students in Years 7 to 10
  – Differentiating the educational program for students in Prep to Year 6
- **Effective Reading Instruction Course**
  – Oral Language in the Early Years
- **eSafety**
  – eSafety Supporting Digital Wellbeing and Inclusion
  – eSafety Responding and Reporting Online Incidents

- **Governance Finance Course**
  – The Cash Flow Statement
  – The Balance Sheet
  – The Income & Expenditure Statement
  – Ratio Analysis
- **Governance Induction Course**
  – Governance Policies and Processes
  – Governance Roles and Responsibilities
  – Governance – An Independent School Context
- **Inclusive Education**
  – Inclusive Education Webinars
- **International Education**
  – Finding your way around ESOS & CRICOS
- **Microlearning**
  – Conflict Resolution Tips and Techniques
  – How to Have a Difficult Conversation
  – 3 Desk Stretches to Instantly Improve Your Day
- **Parent Engagement**
  – Whole School Approach to Parent Engagement
  – Communication – the key to engaging parents
- **School Improvement**
  – Middle Leadership: Learning to Lead
- **STEM**
  – Are you STEM Ready?
  – Defining, embedding and delivering STEM
  – Implementing STEM and fostering sustainable partnerships
- **Students with Disability**
  – Disability Standards for Education
- **Support**
  – Domestic and Family Violence
- **Supporting Learners' Acquisition of English as a Second Language**
  – Using the ESL Bandscales Levels 4–7
  – Using the ESL Bandscales Levels 1–3
  – Introduction to the NLLIA Bandscales
  – Introduction to English as a Second Language

- **Teacher Aides Working with Students with Disability**
  – Managing student behaviour and supporting self-management
  – Supporting students with disability and learning difficulties
  – Supporting literacy and numeracy development
- **Teacher Quality**
  – Evidencing Highly Accomplished and Lead Practice
- **Teaching & Learning**
  – Introduction to Behaviour Support
  – Leading Online Teaching and Learning
  – Effective Use of Teacher Aides - Considerations for School Leaders
  – Curriculum Leaders - Difficult Conversations
  – Developing Maths Fluency
  – Review of 2024 NCCD School Processes
  – Using the Science of Learning to increase student engagement in learning
- **VET**
  – Work Experience
  – Engaging with External RTOs
  – Elevating Effective School RTO Governance and Management Operations
  – Conducting Evidence-based Assessment and Validation Practices
  – Engaging with Key Representatives to Inform Industry Relevance
  – Supporting School Students through Vocational Education and Training Programs
  – Being a Teacher/Trainer of VET in Schools

Unleash your potential by accessing ISQ's must-have e-Learning courses via Connect&Learn.

Connect&Learn: Course Catalogue

Member-focused service offering

The ISQ team is here to deliver the very best services, knowledge, advice, and support to member schools, so they can excel for their students and school community. Made up of a cohort of dedicated and passionate professional staff, ISQ puts members and the sector first in everything it does.

Supporting Schools

New School Support

ISQ recognises that complying with the full range of Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) requirements to set up a new school is a complex process. ISQ's School Services team can provide prospective schools with a range of support related to accreditation and compliance. | **FIND OUT MORE**

First Nations Education

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education provides ongoing support to all schools to ensure that the embedding of Indigenous perspectives permeates all aspects of schooling from enrolment processes, support, professional development, funding, curriculum, strategy, and advocacy. Schools with high numbers of First Nations student enrolments receive additional tailored support to meet specific contextual needs. **FIND OUT MORE**

Early Childhood Education and Care

ISQ provides support and advice to assist members to deliver quality, inclusive early childhood education and care (ECEC) programs. ISQ's services in the ECEC space include administration of kindergarten funding programs, support to meet regulatory and legislative obligations, and professional development. | **FIND OUT MORE**

International Education

ISQ is committed to supporting schools to engage globally and deliver quality international education programs. ISQ support covers legislative and industry compliance, CRICOS registration, students on visas, opportunities for student recruitment, professional development, and internationalisation of schooling and global citizenship education, including sister school, exchange and other international education programs. **FIND OUT MORE**

ICT Support

In 2024, ISQ established the ICT Managers Advisory Committee, representing the diverse range of member schools across Queensland. This committee will play a crucial role in enhancing communication between ISQ and its members, addressing specific ICT support needs. Additionally, ISQ has partnered with several new ICT providers to help members secure the best prices and services. ISQ and the ICT Managers Advisory Committee are committed to supporting members throughout 2025 | **FIND OUT MORE**

Employee Relations

ISQ provides comprehensive employee relations advice and assistance to authorised member school leaders, to assist in the complex area of employee relations management. Advice and support can be offered in areas including enterprise bargaining, interpretation and compliance, Awards and Enterprise Agreements, letters of offer/employment contracts, managing misconduct and underperformance, termination of employment, restructure and redundancy processes and Fair Work Commission matters. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Inclusive Education

ISQ provides information on supporting students with additional needs, differentiated teaching and learning, NCCD, as well as resources and services to support staff and student wellbeing, including behaviour support. ISQ's Learning Support Reviews assist schools to enhance their structure for supporting students with additional needs, including those with a disability. Member schools can access targeted advice so they can address student needs, and support the school to identify priority areas for improvement. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Communications and Crisis Management

The way a school crafts and presents the story of its education mission and values matters. ISQ can help member schools prepare and respond to crises and create authentic messages to share with current and prospective members of your school community. ISQ provides a range of services and professional development events to support member schools in areas such as proactive and reactive media relations, school marketing and communications. | **FIND OUT MORE**

AI Innovation

ISQ's 2026 AI Innovation initiative will support independent schools in Queensland to understand and manage the implications of rapidly evolving AI technologies. Schools will have the opportunity to learn about ethical and responsible AI use in education to strengthen school readiness for AI-related governance and compliance. This initiative will offer a major AI conference, a framework development project, an AI Webinar series, specialised AI workshops as well as ongoing support and resources through the ISQ Member Hub. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Education Services and Support

Teaching And Learning Reviews

ISQ's Education Services Review program supports schools in developing their improvement agendas. This service provides high quality, independent feedback to schools against established benchmarks in the areas of leadership, teaching & learning, quality curriculum and community. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Vocational Education and Training

ISQ offers support to its member schools who deliver vocational education and training (VET) either as a school registered training organisation (RTO) or in partnership with external providers. Schools work with ISQ staff with extensive experience in VET delivery and regulation, enabling guidance and professional learning to assist compliant and quality assured VET programs for senior school students. ISQ also offers two relevant VET funding incentive programs. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

ISQ provides tailored curriculum and assessment support and bespoke curriculum audits and reviews. Support is also offered to Prep – Year 10 teachers to develop high-quality curriculum and assessment through numerous online webinars and other professional learning offerings. | **FIND OUT MORE**

School Leadership

Governance

ISQ offers governance advice and training specifically addressing the needs of independent school governors. This service offering allows school governors to be confident that they are able to meet the compliance obligations of independent schools, understand personal liability as a director, master the skills needed to set the strategic direction of the school and build a toolkit of frameworks and processes to assess and monitor risk and set targeted policies. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Executive and Senior Leadership Reviews

ISQ facilitates independent leadership and performance reviews of senior executives. For principals, this often occurs towards the mid-point and conclusion of their contract to support growth and development and contract renewal, respectively. ISQ uses a comprehensive, future-focused and developmental approach working in close collaboration with school boards and principals. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Regulatory Guidance

ISQ's comprehensive support encompasses a wide range of services aimed at elevating member schools' compliance with the obligations prescribed by the regulatory framework in which they operate. Through industry updates, provision of template policies, training sessions, and personalised advice to school leaders, we empower independent schools to navigate the regulatory landscape with confidence. | **FIND OUT MORE**

Access more services via ISQ's Member Hub

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