



2022 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.



Since the first meeting of the association in 1968, Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) has remained committed to supporting choice and diversity in education, and developing independent schooling in Queensland.

ISQ is continually 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.

As a member of ISQ, your school benefits from a wide range of services created specifically to meet your needs.

2022 Emerging Issues

The COVID-19 pandemic will remain an ever-present risk for schools in 2022. ISQ will continue to advocate for member school needs and interests, particularly in international education and boarding, and communicate the latest health advice and Health Directives and what they mean for independent schools.

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

- Gonski 2.1 state-federal funding split
- review of funding allocations under the National Schools Chaplaincy Program
- roll out of the Government's \$180 million three-year additional capital funding commitment to non-government schools, which will continue with \$60 million in 2021-2022
- progressing the implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- review of the Australian Curriculum
- Impact on independent schools of the Students with Disability resource allocation review for State schools.

In the lead up to the 2022 Federal Election, in conjunction with the sector's national peak body, Independent Schools Australia, ISQ will be advocating for critical areas, including:

- support for staff and student wellbeing
- support for the implementation of existing and new national education reforms
- support for school choice, in particular regional, rural, remote, Indigenous and boarding schools.

Nationally, ISQ will also prioritise:

- engagement with the new Australian Education Research Organisation, which will drive evidence-based improvements to deliver improved student outcomes.



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 25 May 2022.

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

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

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)
- Shari Armistead, Director (Strategic Relations).

