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## QASEL Newsletter Edition 2, 2021

### President's Update

#### Newsletter Feedback

My thanks to those members who took a few moments to email their thoughts regarding the QASEL newsletter. Edition 2 is my first attempt at utilising the software package so please forgive any bugs or glitches. Based on your feedback I'm going to trial a fortnightly newsletter this term published on "off-pay" weeks. I'll review that at the end of term and seek your feedback again.

#### Governance

Members would be aware that QASEL ratified its constitution at a Special General Meeting on 28 August 2020. Following that meeting the constitution was then forwarded to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). I'm pleased to advise that the OFT have confirmed the registration of our *Amendment of Rules* thereby finalising this process. The new constitution is now official and will be available to all members in the members section of the QASEL website soon.

I am also pleased to report that the audit report held over from last year's AGM has been received and accepted at the Executive and Management Committee on 9 February 2021. One of the functions of any audit is to identify areas an organisation can improve. This audit identified changes we could make to the processes we have in place to retrace receipts and minute taking. We have moved quickly to accept and action these recommendations.



#### Term 1 New Member Special - There has never been a better time to join QASEL!

New members wanting to join QASEL can take advantage of a Term 1 special to join now and pay nothing until 1 July 2021. The deferred payment allows new members to take advantage of all QASEL has to offer without making payments until they receive their scheduled pay rise from 1 July.

Note this special is available to new members paying by **payroll deduction only** and their membership commences once payroll deduction forms are completed and sent. (Paying by payroll deduction reduces QASEL administrative time and costs – allowing us to dedicate more resources to supporting our members).

If you know a potential new member please alert them to this opportunity. For more information please email our business manager – [bm@qasel.org.au](mailto:bm@qasel.org.au)


[How to Join](#)
[Membership Application](#)
[Payroll Deduction Form](#)

#### ECDP

During the last few weeks I have received some enquires from members regarding ECDPs and the Operating Guidelines for ECDPs. Firstly, can I reassure members that ECDPs have a very strong place in the department's early years plans and will continue to do so into the future. Many of you will remember the ECDP Forum held on 12 September 2019. Historically it was the first time that staff from all ECDPs across the state were brought together.

Prior to the forum each ECDP was asked to submit a case study. An analysis of these case studies began in 2020 with a view to using them to develop some "best practice guidelines" to support the work of ECDPs across the state. However, like many things in 2020, COVID-19 disrupted these plans, but this work will recommence in 2021.

Of course, QASEL will continue to be a key stakeholder and I would love to form an ECDP subcommittee to drive this and provide valued feedback to the department. In the near future I would like to schedule a MTeams meeting for all QASEL members working in ECDPs. Unfortunately, our current data base doesn't indicate if members work in an ECDP unless it is a "stand alone ECDP".

If you're currently working in an ECDP would you mind shooting me a quick email with the subject heading QASEL ECDP so I can include you in future invitations. QASEL has a proud history of strong advocacy and support for ECDPs, your support helps us to continue to influence this work.

#### Executive and Management Committee (EMC)

Our first executive and management committee meeting was last Monday via MTeams. The function of the EMC as described in our constitution is to *control and manage the administration of the affairs, property and funds of the Association*. This might include, but is not limited to, interpretation of the meaning of the constitution, decisions relating to membership and membership eligibility, financial decision-making and other decisions relating to governance and the general administration of the organisation.

Our first meeting of 2021 had a full agenda that included a range of governance issues such as the appointment of our new business manager, 2020 audit report, registration of our new constitution, insurance matters, new members special offer, regional council representation, storage of QASEL historical documents and updates on the Disability Royal Commission and QASELcon21.

I'd like to thank all the members of the executive and management committee for their active participation and ongoing support. I look forward to our first meeting with EMC and State Councillor members on Friday 5 March. Attached is a full list of your Executive, Management and Regional Councillor representatives.



Executive Management and  
Regional Councillors List- 2021

### QASELcon21

## Building Collaboration, Confidence and Creativity. Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 June, Hilton Brisbane.

### Registrations now open!

[Register Now!](#)

#### From the conference planning committee

The QASEL conference committee invites members to showcase their school's work and achievements in building confidence, collaboration and creativity by presenting a workshop that you would like to share with conference attendees, including other special education leaders and teachers. This is an ideal opportunity for you to share the great work you do each and every day. The conference committee encourages submissions from all sectors and departments. QASELcon is always a wonderful opportunity to hear from thought leaders, senior officers, researchers and other keynotes but a feature of our conference has always been the sharing of great practice across the state. Members who applied to present a workshop last year will be sent an email in the coming days giving you an opportunity to indicate if you would like to update your EOI.

Please note that one workshop presenter from each workshop will receive a \$50 discount on conference registration fees in addition to any QASEL membership discounts.

The call for conference abstracts is attached to this newsletter. Any questions regarding presenting a conference workshop can be direct to Nicole Rouen [nfinc4@eq.edu.au](mailto:nfinc4@eq.edu.au) and abstracts must be submitted by Friday 12 March.

If you'd like to be involved in the QASEL conference committee please email the conference convenor Andrew Thompson on [athom138@eq.edu.au](mailto:athom138@eq.edu.au)

Conference EOI

QASELcon21 Flyer



### New and Returning Members

On behalf of QASEL I'd like to welcome the following new and returning members;

- Lesley Gollan - Moorooka State School
- Fleur Watson - Goodna Special School
- Jacqueline Kirkman - Narbethong State Special School
- Caroline De Hennin- Kuraby Special School
- Regina Birchley- Pittsworth State High School
- Nicholas Alexander- Aspley Special School

We look forward to linking, leading and learning with you.



### President's Diary

If you have any thoughts or feedback on any recent or upcoming events in the president's diary please don't hesitate to send me an email. Your feedback is always welcome.

#### Meetings and events in recent weeks

- Disability Royal Commission – planning meeting next steps for QASEL
- Combined Principal Associations meeting with the Director General – discussion around DoE integrity reforms and consultation opportunities for professional associations in 2021
- QASELcon21 Committee – developing agenda and keynotes
- P&Cs Queensland New Year Network meeting – connecting with key stakeholders and celebrating the great work of P&Cs across the state.
- QASEL Executive and Management Team meeting
- OneSchool Business Advisory Committee meeting – review of ongoing work and updates
- School Online Reporting Dashboard (SORD) Project - demonstration
- Showcase Awards Board meeting – review of guidelines and timelines
- 1-1 Meeting with ADG Disability and Inclusion – discussions around ECDPs, ARD handbooks, QASELcon, Disability Royal Commission
- Digital Learning Project Board meeting
- NAPLAN online Reference Group
- School visits to Woody Point Special School, Claremont Special School, Goodna Special School, Calamvale Special School, Kuraby Special School, Wellington Point State School



#### Upcoming meetings and events

- Principal Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder meeting
- Education Improvement Brand (EIB) Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Staff Mental Health Strategy – Special Education Reference Group Meeting
- Principal Association Meeting with P&Cs Queensland
- Work Shadowing – Karen Collishaw HOSES Eden's Landing State School
- ABLES Reference Group Meeting
- Special School Principals MTeams meeting – Disability Royal Commission
- Queensland College of Teachers Principal Reference Group Meeting

### Other Messages

#### Royal Commission

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability released its third progress report on 10 February 2021. This report summarises the work carried out by the Royal Commission during the period 1 July to 31 December 2020.

All reports can be accessed through the Disability Royal Commission website in the *Our Reports* Section.

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/about-royal-commission/our-reports>

#### The OneSchool Learning Team

Registrations are now open for OneSchool [Teaching and Learning](#) training events in Weeks 5-6, Term 1

Events include:

- Managing Diagnostic/Standardised Assessments in OneSchool
- Creating a Class Markbook
- Recording Behaviour in OneSchool
- Using Excursion Planner in OneSchool
- Configuring OneSchool
- Exploring Early Start in OneSchool

In addition we're pleased to introduce a range of training offerings and self-directed learning resources for 2021.

- Visit the [I&TB Training Services and Resources website](#)\* to find training videos, recorded web conferences, links to help material, supporting resources and links to relevant policy and procedure.
- Regular **web conference offerings** will be offered throughout Term 1. Registrations are now open for web conferences being held on the Student Free Days in Term 1 (see above)
- **Custom training sessions** upon request - please email the [OneSchool Training team](#) for further information.

All web conference sessions will be recorded. If you register for a web conference, a link to it is added to '[My Learning Space - OneChannel - My Programs](#)'. This gives you quick access to all session recordings to view at your convenience.

For information about all OneSchool training, please [visit the Training Services and Resources website](#)\*.

\*NB: This site requires an MIS account to access. MIS accounts can be requested and approved through [iRegister](#).