

I am a long-standing member of QASEL and experienced special education leader with over 20 years' experience supporting students with disabilities as a teacher, HOC, DP and Principal. I am passionate about connecting people to build capability.

I have been the principal of Logan City Special School since 2022 and have led the school community through significant growth, leading to the addition of a second campus that opened in 2025. The second campus is co-located with Woodridge State High School, so I have first-hand experience in both the challenges and opportunities that co-location provides. This understanding includes the challenges for our mainstream primary and high schools who are supporting students with disabilities in their schools- in particular the work of our HOSES and DP Inclusion/Special Ed leaders.

Prior to this I was the principal of Kuraby Special School. At Kuraby Special School we developed and implemented our own approach to inclusive practices, sharing the skill and expertise of our staff in supporting staff in primary and secondary schools. This was achieved through case management and targeted professional development opportunities. Key data sets from this work and links to more information is below:



In terms of contributions to QASEL I have been a member of the management committee for the last 5 years. I have presented workshops supporting current and aspiring leaders in relation to both application writing and interviews since 2023. In this work I have also supported members with specific feedback relating to applications following attendance at these courses. I have presented at QASELCON in 2021 and 2022. In 2021 I presented the work I led at Kuraby Special School with Caroline de Hennin and in 2022 I presented a project capturing the reflections, advice and legacy statements of our most experienced educational leaders. It is important to me that the experience and knowledge of those leaving our system is captured and shared with the next generation of leaders. This year I had the terrific opportunity to share this project at the QASELCON dinner.

As Vice President of QASEL, I will continue my commitment to building the capability of members to support their leadership aspirations and the staff and students in their schools. I am excited to continue to build on the great work that QASEL has been doing to support members, schools and students across our state.