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## QASEL Newsletter Edition 3, 2021

### President's Update

#### Nominations for Showcase Awards Now Open

I'd like to encourage all members to consider sharing your school's outstanding programs or initiatives by making a submission for the 2021 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools. As a sector it is important that we highlight the great work of our leaders, teachers and staff. There are 10 award categories and \$314,000 worth of development grants on offer.

Further information is available in the other messages section of this newsletter. I'm more than happy to discuss potential nominations with any interested members.



#### Special School Enrolment feedback

I'm seeking feedback from any special school members who have trialled the new special school enrolment functionality in OneSchool and/or completed the training webinars.

A reminder that the implementation is staged so schools can either use the new OneSchool functionality or continue to use the existing paper/email system during Term 1. All new enrolment applications received from Term 2, 2021 will be processed in OneSchool.

Your feedback will help inform future functionality releases scheduled for Term 2. The [Special School OnePortal page](#) provides detailed information and links to [OneSchool Help Material](#) and recorded webinars.

No changes have been made to special school enrolment steps or eligibility criteria.

#### School visits

The most enjoyable part of my role is undoubtedly the time I spend in schools connecting with members. I particularly wanted to thank and acknowledge two schools I recently connected with.

I was fortunate to spend a full day work shadowing Karen Collishaw (QASEL Vice President) in her role as HOSES at Eden's Landing State School. While I have previously held the role of HOSES it was some time ago, so spending a full day with Karen was invaluable in terms of connecting with the work and the challenges faced on a day to day basis. Karen and her team do a terrific job working collaboratively with teachers across the school to meet the needs of all their learners in an inclusive setting. I was struck by how well Karen, and the teachers she leads, know their learners. I can tell you I went home with very sore feet!



I also wanted to shine a light on the great work that Steve Roberts and "Coach" Caroline de Hennin are doing at Kuraby Special School in creating a program that allows their leaders, teachers and teacher aides to link with their colleagues in local primary schools to share practice and participate in case management processes. A wonderful example of intentional collaboration at its very best. I asked Steve and Caroline to put together a brief overview of their program (see link below) and have asked them to present a workshop at QASELcon – it would definitely be one not to miss.

I'm looking forward to getting up to connect with members in Central Queensland later in the term and am also very keen to spend a work shadowing day with a HOSES in a secondary setting – would love an invitation.

Kuraby QASEL Flyer

## EIB Update and Work Shadowing Opportunities

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Education Improvement Branch (EIB) Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting. 2021 will be a busy year for the EIB with two regional reviews and 355 school reviews scheduled across the state including 50 reviews that were carried forward from 2020 due to COVID-19. The EIB team have made a number of changes to their processes based on feedback from schools. Some of these changes include:

- A revised toolkit for priority school reviews.
- A sharpened focus on embedding the curriculum to meet the needs of every student, and the targeted use of school resources, in reviewer training.
- The opportunity for schools to self-select a five-week time slot for their review.
- The introduction of a 'Responding to your review' program, designed to support schools and ARDs in understanding their review report and next steps.

Of particular interest was the positive feedback the EIB team has received regarding their work shadowing program which provides school and system leaders the opportunity to join a school review as an observer to work shadow a review team. Work shadowing a school review provides observers with deeper insights into the review process in Queensland and how the National School Improvement Tool can be used to support school improvement in a wide range of contexts.

More information about review work shadowing is available on the attached fact sheet.

EIB Factsheet

## Term 1 New Member Special

In our last newsletter I alerted members to a special that allows new members 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. The special is available by **payroll deduction only for Term 1 only**.

I'm pleased to report that this offer has been well received. Brandon, our business manager, has been busy sending welcome packs to all our newest members.



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

[How to Join](#)

[Membership Application](#)

[Payroll Deduction Form](#)

## 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.

Conference EOI

## Building Collaboration, Confidence and Creativity



Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 June

Hilton, Brisbane

### New and Returning Members

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

- Fiona Childs - Western Suburbs State School
- Kaye Gahan - Bundaberg East State School
- Susan Simpson - Caboolture East State School
- Melanie Pengelly - Gladstone West State School
- Angela Brown - Urangan Point State School
- Katherine Johnston - Kuraby Special School
- Olive Brittain - Gympie State High School
- Stephanie Costello - Drayton State School
- Katie Bartholomaeus- Mount Ommaney Special School
- Bernadette Flowers- Woody Point Special School



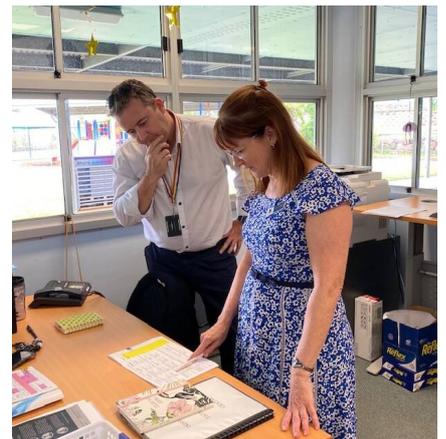
We look forward to linking, leading and learning with you.

### 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

- Principal Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder meeting
- Education Improvement Brand (EIB) Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Staff Mental Health Strategy – Special Education Reference Group Meeting
- Visit to Pine Rivers ECDP, A/HOSES Kath Simon
- Principal Association Meeting with P&Cs Queensland
- Work Shadowing – Karen Collishaw HOSES Eden's Landing State School
- ABLES Reference Group Meeting
- Special School Principals MSTEams meeting – Disability Royal Commission
- Queensland College of Teachers Principal Reference Group Meeting
- Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, State Schools – Performance Meeting
- Catch up with Far North Queensland Regional Councillor: Claire Cheyne.



#### Upcoming meetings and events

- ICT Reference Group Meeting
- Hummingbird House Meeting
- ADG Education Improvement Branch meeting
- Respectful Relationships Education Advisory Group
- QASEL State Council Meeting
- QTU Special Education Committee Meeting
- Headspace 2021 Education Stakeholder Roundtable

## Other Messages

### Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

Nominate now for the Showcase Awards

Take your school's outstanding program or initiative to the next level. Submissions are open for the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools recognising dedicated teachers, principals, leadership teams and school communities that are making a significant difference for students. There are 10 award categories and \$314,000 worth of development grants available. All Queensland state schools are able to enter, with nominations closing 7 May 2021.

Find out more at [www.showcase.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.showcase.education.qld.gov.au)

