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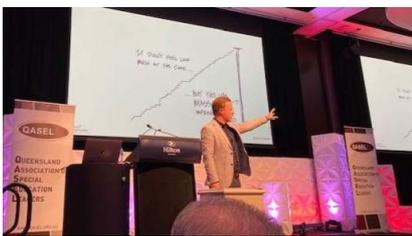
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President's Update



QASELcon21 – What a Success!

Firstly, I want to express my sincere thanks to Andrew Thompson and the conference planning committee for all the hard work that goes into planning and delivering a world class conference. I have been a QASEL member for almost 20 years and in my opinion QASELcon21 was our best conference to date. The bar is certainly high for 2022 but I know planning has already commenced.

Thanks also to all our conference presenters who so generously shared their work and their thinking. What is truly special about QASELcon is the opportunities that are created for those at the coal face to share their work. I am very aware that due to COVID-19 room size limits, some workshops were over subscribed and people missed out. Next term, I'll be contacting some of these presenters to explore the option of an online repeat workshop for members.

My thanks also to our business partners and sponsors, we could not have a conference without them. Thank you to delegates who connected with our sponsors and congratulations to the schools who won prizes (see link below for the full list of prize winners).

Prize Draw Winners

Most importantly, my thanks to over 400 delegates and guests who attended across the three days. Thank you so much for your support.

My personal conference highlights included:

- Minister Grace's acknowledgment of the work of teachers and school leaders through the challenges of 2020.
- A look forward, and a look back on the inclusion journey with Deb Dunstone.
- How to help adults change (get specific, make it easy, deploy deep empathy) with Simon Breakspear.
- Jenny Hart's making a difference and next steps for school improvement.
- How to build high performing teams and the micro-skills of conversations from Lorena Clayton.
- Trajectories of inclusive education with Mark Hohnke and Maree Neilson who certainly let the evidence speak for itself.
- Steve Francis gifted us with the 10 things that great school leaders do.
- Finally, Director-General Tony Cook wrapped us up with a reminder to keep our focus on teaching and learning and an encouragement to be innovative.
- On top of these, 40 high quality workshops from subject matter experts and school leadership teams.



Perhaps the biggest hit of conference was Tim and Judy Sharp's presentation at the conference dinner. A number of delegates have asked about how to purchase Tim's Laser Beak Man artwork and products. The link below will take you to his Facebook page and shop so please check it out. (I may have gotten a little carried away with my online purchases after conference dinner. I will post on Facebook when they arrive).

<https://www.facebook.com/laserbeakman>

Agile School Leadership Program

For those interested in continuing to your work with Dr Simon Breakspear through his 12-week Agile School Leadership Program. We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Dr Simon Breakspear to support the leadership development of our members. The Agile School Leadership program is a 12-week, digitally delivered program designed to build the improvement capabilities of principals and their teams. Over 1,000 leaders have graduated from this program globally. Leaders walk away with practical tools, frameworks and a plan for creating meaningful improvement in their local setting.

The final cohort for 2021 is kicking off in early August. You can find all program details and registration links at www.agileschoolleaders.com

We've secured a 20% partner discount for QASEL leaders who enrol in the program before the **17th of July**. Please just add the **discount code "QASEL20" upon application**.



Strategic Plan

During conference I presented some information to attendees about QASEL's Vision and Values Statement and Strategic Plan (i.e. "What's a QASEL?"). This work is still in draft form for broader consultation.

Our vision: Successful Leaders – Successful Learners

Our commitment: To support leaders across the state, to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for students with disability.

Our values:

- **Leading:** We advocate for equity and influence for positive change.
- **Linking:** We collaborate with purpose and support each other's wellbeing.
- **Learning:** We learn together to build our individual and collective capability.

Below is the full 2-page summary. We'd love to hear feedback from members (warm and cool). If you have some thoughts, please email them to president@qasel.org.au.

Draft Strategic Plan

Respectful Relationships, Consent and Reporting Reference Group

On Friday 25 June, 1.30 – 2.30 a small group of QASEL members are meeting (via MSTeams) with Christine Loos, Manager – Domestic and Family Violence, State Schools Operations and Robyn Rosengrave, Executive Director, State Schools – Performance, to discuss the department's work on Respectful Relationships, Consent and Reporting and the complexities for students with disability.

If you have an interest in this topic and would like to be involved in this conversation please email president@qasel.org.au before Thursday 24 June and I will forward you a calendar invitation.

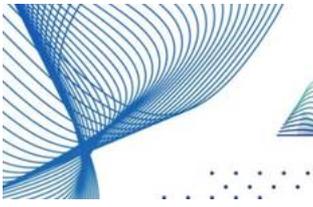
ASEPA National Conference

Every two years our national association, Australian Special Education Principals Association (ASEPA) works in partnership with a state association to host the national conference. This year the joint ASEPA National Conference is held in partnership with the NSW Special Education Principals and Leaders Association.

The Conference will be held at the International Convention Centre Sydney from Monday, 12 July to Wednesday, 14 July 2021. The theme for the Joint ASEPA National Conference and SEPLA-CON 2021 is 'VOICE'.

<https://gems.eventsair.com/asepa-national-conference-and-sepla-con21/>

A final reminder that this year, QASEL is offering to support members attendance by reimbursing members costs up to a maximum of 50% of the registration fee. The exact reimbursement amount will be influenced by the number of applications received. If you're a QASEL member attending the national conference and you would like to apply for this support, please email president@qasel.org.au for further information before **Friday 25 June**.



VOICE

Joint
ASEPA National
Conference and
SEPLA-CON 2021
ICC Sydney | 12th - 14th July



Australian Curriculum Review

On 12 June 2020, Australia's education ministers agreed it was timely to review the Foundation – Year 10 Australian Curriculum. The review looks to improve the Australian Curriculum by refining, realigning and decluttering the content so it focusses on the essential knowledge and skills students should learn, and is clearer for teachers on what they need to teach.

A final reminder that your last opportunity to provide feedback to ACARA closes on July 8.

- The online survey can be completed by individuals, such as teachers, school leaders and groups, schools, clusters and professional associations. The learning area survey is designed so you can give high-level feedback about the overall proposed revisions or more detailed feedback about specific year levels.
- Alternatively, ACARA is also accepting email submissions, comments and questions.

Further information on how to provide individual or group feedback can be found at <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/consultation/> or by clicking the link to the information sheet attached. I strongly encourage all member to have their say.

ACARA Information Sheet

Happy Holidays

As we approach the June / July holidays, I'd like to express my appreciation to all QASEL members for their ongoing and active support of their professional association. With over 120 new members already this year, a highly successful conference, a new Draft Strategic Plan and strengthened regional structures, it has truly be a productive and successful semester 1 for QASEL, and I thank you all for your contribution to it.

During the break I implore you all to focus on your own self-care. Try to close the laptop, go for a walk, hit the shops, dust off the gold clubs, read a good book and spend time with family and friends. Do whatever it is that you need to do, in order to return in term 3 ready to go.

A happy and safe holiday to you all!

Sponsors and Business Partners

QASEL wishes to thank and acknowledge our Gold Business Partner:



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QASELcon22

Date Claimer coming soon!

On the back of the tremendous success of QASELcon21, the conference planning committee are hard at work confirming dates, venue and theme for QASELcon22. Watch this space for more information coming soon.

New and Returning Members

A massive welcome and thank you to the following 61 new and returning members;

- Karen Mahon - Fernvale State School
- Andrew Biri - Pine Rivers Special School
- Athol Butler - Maryborough Special School
- Julia Miller - Red Hill Special School
- Fiona Kidziak - Lee Street State Special School
- Carmel Cooper - Mount Gravatt Campus
- Kate Skinner - Biloela State School (SEP)
- Kelly Gorham - Baringa State School (SEP)
- Gretel Diluca - Lee Street State Special School
- Julie Ingram - Western Suburbs State Special School
- Suzanne Marthick - Southport Special School
- Sarah Cox - Forest Lake State High School
- Tracy Hall - Park Ridge State High School (SEP)
- Abby Casperson - Forest Lake State High School (SEP)
- Nicole Watson - Runcorn State High School
- Emma Rawnsley - Southport Special School
- Mieka English - Torquay State School (SEP)
- Alexandra Wallace - Sunnybank Special School
- Lauren Martin-Harre - Southport Special School
- Judy Loudon - New Farm State School
- Sarah Lake - Ipswich State High School
- Christie O'Connell - Redland District Special School
- Jacqueline Seagroatt - MacGregor State High School (SEP)
- Kellie Ryan - Allora P-10 State School
- Phoebe Parish - Bellbird Park State Secondary College
- Kathryn Hoey - Warwick West State School
- Katrina Mutch - Mitchelton Special School
- Jess Brown - Woodcrest State College
- Charlene Reedman - Atherton State High School (SEP)
- Sarah Forbes - Yarrabilba State School (SEP)
- Olivia Burford - Victoria Park State School
- Danny Martin - Aspley Special School
- Rowena Lewis - Upper Coomera State College
- Patricia Brannelly - Ascot State School
- Merlyn Sprankling - MacGregor State High School (SEP)
- Melissa Sheehan - Goodna Special School
- Lyndal Kanara - Beenleigh Special School
- Vanessa Murphy - Clontarf Beach State High School (SEP)
- Helen Little - Spinifex State College - Mt Isa Education and Training Precinct
- Josephine Gardner - Mount Ommaney Special School
- Renee Zhu - Southport Special School
- Laura Mossler - Moura State School (SEP Cluster)
- Donna Clausen - Redland Bay State School
- Nicole Mellish - Logan City Special School

- Abby Kilfoy - Ipswich West Special School
- Nicole Williams - Alexandra Hills State School
- Simone Donovan - Mabel Park State School
- Jyotika Prasad - Southport Special School
- Lisa Meiklejohn - Wilsonton State School
- Stephanie Pretorius - Woody Point Special School
- Priscilla Cupitt - North Coast Region (North Lakes Office)
- Tracey Walker - Waterford West State School
- Dawn Bennett - Mount Warren Park State School
- Anita Ramage - Aurukun State School
- Jessica Willis - Lee Street State Special School
- Haley Myers - Mitchelton Special School
- Jacinta Xavier - Red Hill Special School
- Dianna Skillen - Ferny Grove State High School
- Connie Mclean - Picnic Creek State School
- Anne Dettwiler - Geebung Special School
- Graham Nuttall- Townsville Community Learning Centre
- Michelle Messina - Innisfail State College

It was a pleasure connecting with all our members throughout QASELcon and 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

- Metro Special School Principals Network Meeting
- Minister's - Joint Meeting with association presidents QSPA, QASSP & QASEL
- Showcase Awards board meeting
- 1-1 meeting with DDG State Schooling
- 1-1 meeting with ADG Disability & Inclusion
- NAPLAN Online Reference Group meeting
- Australian Curriculum Review QCAA / QASEL online network meeting
- QASEL State Council meeting
- QASELcon21
- School visits with ADG Disability & Inclusion to Narbethong Special School and Red Hill Special School
- Strategic Directions Steering Committee (SDSC)

Upcoming meetings and events

- Principal Associations, Australian Curriculum Review feedback session
- Quarterly 1-1 meeting with Director-General, Tony Cook
- QCE System Principals' Reference Group
- I4S Review meeting - Principal's Association Meeting
- Work shadowing, HOSES Runcorn State High School
- Turn to Teaching program meeting
- QASEL consultation group - Respectful Relationships, Consent and Reporting
- June/July holidays!

Other Messages

Message from Director-General, Tony Cook – regarding ADG, Disability and Inclusion

Last month, I announced a number of EMB-level changes that reflect our updated strategy, with the majority of those changes coming into effect last week, from 31 May. Following on from this, I am announcing some further changes to our key senior executive roles.

Deborah Dunstone, Assistant Director-General, Disability and Inclusion, will transfer to the role of Assistant Director-General Early Learning and Development on 1 July. Deb's combined experience as a principal, regional director and leader in disability and inclusion will be a critical enabler for the strategic objectives of the Early Childhood division going forward.

Dion Coughlan will transfer from Assistant Director-General for Human Resources to the role of Assistant Director-General,

Disability and Inclusion on 21 June. Dion's extensive experience as a principal and his recent corporate leadership roles will help to continue the innovation and improvement occurring within our Disability and Inclusion work.

