

# Achievements



Queensland Association of State School Principals

## Champion Public Education

QASSP developed extensive networks to support and advocate on behalf of principals:

- QASSP was the first professional association of its type to deliver a fully funded full-time President.
- QASSP established thirteen Standing Committees to liaise regularly with senior Education Queensland officers.
- QASSP responds to all education related government policy including the *Masters Report* and *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*.
- QASSP President is currently also President of the Australian Government Primary Principals' Association (AGPPA) and sits on the National Executive Council of the Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA).
- QASSP regularly connects with the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU), the Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens' Associations, the School Business Managers' Association, Queensland College of Teachers, Queensland Studies Authority, Joint Council of Queensland Teachers' Associations, and other state Principals Associations.

QASSP's *Five to Thrive* Strategic Direction Plan has been instrumental in our advocacy efforts, both at a state and national level. QASSP successes include:

- QASSP's joint advocacy with AGPPA and APPA influencing the federal government's investment in state primary schools through the *Building the Education Revolution* stimulus program.
- QASSP's joint advocacy with AGPPA and APPA convinced the Rudd Labor Government to address the anomaly in funding government primary schools in its first budget.
- QASSP successfully advocated for simplified and minimal compliance documentation.
- QASSP successfully advocated for the improved design of the new Prep buildings and although they did not reach the model preferred by QASSP they represent significant improvements on the original.
- QASSP lobbied successfully for legislation to address the issue of parents behaving in unsafe ways on school grounds. QASSP will continue to advocate for legislative support in all areas where safety is threatened.
- QASSP's advocacy secured \$1 billion for *State Schools of Tomorrow*.
- QASSP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the QTU in relation to Heads of Curriculum (HoCs) and is committed to ongoing advocacy for universal access to HoCs.
- QASSP had significant input into the use of *Leadership Matters* in selection processes.
- QASSP's partnership with the Indigenous Education Alliance established a powerful advocacy body for improving indigenous student outcomes.
- QASSP attained recognition that the allocative model for Business Services Manager disadvantaged many schools. We continue to advocate for additional administrative support for all primary schools.
- QASSP influenced the provision of a systemic aspirant model and the first stages of a support service for school leaders via *Principal Connect*.
- QASSP in liaison with the QTU ensured that Deputy Principals were not disadvantaged in relation to the splitting of their bands in relocations.



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## Influence the Education Agenda

- QASSP facilitated and funded the delivery of influential independent educational research papers including *Resourcing of Australian Primary Schools*, *The Art of Extreme Juggling -The Teaching Principal*, *Teacher Aide Allocation for the Prep Year* and *Curriculum Survey and Report*.
- QASSP's public profile is enhanced by regular interviews with print and broadcast media.
- QASSP has consolidated state and national partnerships with other educational associations to release joint policy statements and communiqués.

## Deliver Service to Members

- QASSP has 1,200 members representing 74% of Queensland state primary schools.
- QASSP confers awards that recognise and celebrate the achievements of members and branches.
- QASSP funds and administers leadership and professional development grants for members.
- QASSP supports individual principals and deputies in school performance issues.
- QASSP supports leaders of small schools through regular meetings between the Assistant Director General, QASSP President and Small Schools Standing Committee Chairs.
- QASSP has appointed a *Leader Services Officer*.

## Lead Professional Learning

- QASSP publishes *The Queensland Principal*, a high quality journal for school administrators.
- QASSP manages the Combined Queensland Principals' Association State Conference and provides members with a range of Regional Conferences in association with Education Queensland.
- QASSP managed the 2009 National APPA Conference held on the Gold Coast.
- QASSP provides quality professional development opportunities for members through commercial partnerships including those with *Fierce Conversations*, *Gr8 People* and *Oz Identities*.

## Provide Effective Governance

- QASSP provides members from around the state an effective voice through *Hot Topics* sessions in State Council, QASSP's paramount policy making body.
- QASSP's Management Committee is comprised of Principals and Deputies from a range of schools spread over the state.
- QASSP employs four staff members and owns the premises from which it operates.
- The QASSP Business Unit is working to ensure the Association remains financially strong by developing a number of separate income streams.