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# SCHOOL POLICY & FUNDING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## ABOUT

Welcome to the seventh Official Statement of the School Policy and Funding Advisory Council (Council).

Established in 2015, Council provides advice to the Minister for Education on regulatory, policy and funding issues that affect public and non-government schools. The November meeting was attended by the following appointed members or their delegate:

- Katy Haire, Acting Secretary, Department of Education and Training (Chair and representative for DET)
- Jim Miles, Acting Executive Director, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV)
- Michelle Green, Chief Executive, Independent Schools Victoria (ISV)
- Professor Kwong Lee Dow, Independent Member, representing the views of students in all Victorian schools.
- Stephen Gniel, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education and Training (Representing the Government school sector)

Council meets three times each year and Official Statements are shared with the school community after each meeting. The Department provides secretariat support to the Council.

Previous statements can be found online on the Department's website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/spfac.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spfac.aspx)

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## THE 2020 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Representing the collaborative will of all the schools sectors, the Council is delighted to announce the endorsement of the 2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This is a tangible milestone in exemplifying the strength of relationships between the various school systems.

The 2020 MoU commits the Department of Education and Training (the Department), the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV), and Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) to continuing to work in a strategic partnership to enhance the educational outcomes of all Victorians. This MoU is a commitment to supporting the work of the 2018-2021 Funding Agreement and to the development of a new MoU from 2021.

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## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Council was pleased to announce the following highlights from the work this year;

- The Koorie Education working group exploring exemplary curriculum work that developed links to local Aboriginal perspectives. This follows greater sharing of resources across the sectors, especially the Cultural Understanding and Safety Training modules which can have whole of school impact.
- The work towards building the cross-sectoral event 'Student Leaders for Multicultural Inclusion State-wide Forum' which will take place in Term 1, 2020. The State-wide Forum will strengthen student leadership, cross-sectoral collaboration and sharing of good practice.
- The inaugural meeting of the Cross-sectoral Professional Leadership Forum, bringing greater collaboration between sectors on leadership development. This is further supported by scholarships to key leadership forums.

Council also wishes to acknowledge the hard work and care of rural and regional school communities to continue to build cross-sector partnerships. Council will continue to work in 2020 to support further initiatives to build stronger links across the sectors.

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