
SCHOOL POLICY & FUNDING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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ABOUT

Welcome to the sixth 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 July meeting was attended by the following appointed members or their delegate:

- Jenny Atta, Secretary, Department of Education and Training (Chair and representative for DET)
- Katy Haire, Deputy Secretary, School Education Programs and Support (DET)
- Jim Miles, Acting Executive Director, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV)
- Nigel Bartlett, Manager, Funding and Accountability, Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) for Michelle Green, Chief Executive
- Professor Kwong Lee Dow, Independent Member, representing the views of students in all Victorian schools.

Council meets at least 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

INFORMATION SHARING AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FRAMEWORK REFORMS

Positive progress has been made to date on the implementation of the Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS), Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS) and the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework (MARAM) Framework.

These schemes respond to several coronial inquests and independent inquiries over the past decade that identified that poor information sharing, collaboration and communication between services was leading to adverse outcomes.

Phase 2 of these reforms will bring universal services, including government and non-government schools, early childhood education and care services, general practitioners and public hospitals, into the schemes.

EDUCATION STATE SCHOOL TARGETS - RESILIENCE

The Council reaffirmed its continued focus on system-wide efforts in working towards the Education State targets of: • Learning for life • Happy, healthy and resilient kids • Breaking the link • Pride and confidence in our schools.

This collective effort is supported by the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the representatives of the three school sectors.

In light of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System and the important role of schools in young people's mental wellbeing, Council discussed cross-sector opportunities to learn from each other and make positive gains towards the target of **happy, healthy and resilient kids**.

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