

# **Non-Government Reform Support Fund**

## **2021 Workplan**

**Association of Independent Schools of the ACT**

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### AISACT – Work plan 2021

#### Summary of Work plan for 2021

##### Executive Summary

The Association of Independent Schools of the ACT's Strategic Intent has guided the decisions and work of the Association and articulates the key directions needed to achieve the Association's goals. The Strategic Intent is supported by several operational plans.

This work plan outlines the key activities of the Association to meet Member School needs and to positively advance the actions designed to achieve the objectives of the School Education Reform Agenda and the Bi-lateral Reform Agreement with the ACT Government

Since 2018, AISACT built and further developed the capacity of Independent schools in the ACT to meet the Australian Government's school education reform priorities for non-government schools and has continued to build on this work in 2019 and 2020, despite the challenges of this COVID year. Through this work plan, AISACT will continue to enhance these activities and further embed best practice support across the Association member schools in 2021.

To this end, AISACT will again provide a range of innovative, responsive and bespoke programs beginning in January 2021.

**Leadership development, staff and student wellbeing, mental health**, as well as **coaching for school improvement**, will continue to be a focus during 2021. AISACT will continue to build on previous work on the **quality assurance, moderation and support for the continued improvement of Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**, with a continued focus on leadership development, in addition to the provision of expert advice from an experienced staff member providing both hotline support and advice through on-site support at individual schools.

For the **implementation of online delivery of the National Assessment program**, AISACT will continue to work to ensure that all 19 Member Schools have access to advice and assistance with regard to their readiness for the implementation of the online delivery of the National Assessment program

The priority **addressing the improvement of governance and financial management practices in non-government schools** saw the provision of a program provided by the Australian Institute of Company Directors available to all member schools Board Directors in 2018 and 2019. In 2020 AISACT expanded on this, and in 2021 the focus will continue through the provision of sessions which will address the guiding principles and provide further resources.

AISACT will continue to provide specialist professional learning programs as identified in the Bilateral Agreement addressing **Australian Curriculum, including general capabilities, reporting against the achievement standards, School Leadership, STEM, Cross sectoral Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures elaborations for Science and literacy and Numeracy. In addition, a focus will be on maximising growth for diverse learners.**

The Association will continue to collaborate and contribute with all education sectors in the ACT to provide input through reform specific governance mechanisms regarding the implementation the agreed priorities of the Bilateral Agreement.

##### Relationship with the ACT government

As the representative body for the Independent School sector, the Association represents the sector's view to Territory and Federal governments on matters of significance and importance in education and its Member Schools. The Association continues to work closely with the ACT Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Ms Yvette Berry MLA, ministerial advisors, and senior officials from the ACT Education Directorate. The Association also works closely with The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Catholic Education to continue to advance the specific issues relating to Non-Government Schools in the ACT.

The Independent, Catholic and Government schooling sectors will continue to work collaboratively in the implementation of reforms outlined in the bi-lateral agreement through quarterly cross-sectoral executive meetings to share progress and challenges and by maintaining cross-sectoral reform-specific governance mechanisms such as NAPLAN Online Steering Group, Australian Curriculum Assessment working group. In addition, the AISACT continues to engage with the Education Directorate regarding stage one of the implementation of the cross sectoral initiatives embedded in the Future of Education Plan. AISACT will continue to contribute to work around the data collection for the Australian Teacher Workforce Data Strategy and the development of a national Unique Student Identifier.

## Summary of budget

Project	Activities	Reform support funding	Funding from other sources	Total project funding
<b>NCCD</b>	Education Support Action Research	\$7000		\$7000
<b>Governance</b>	Best practice Governance - Unpacking the Governance Principles – Adrienne Day	\$12800	\$2250	\$15050
<b>Governance</b>	Legal Lens for Schools - Resource Development SH&G	\$5000		\$5000
<b>Governance</b>	Complaints and Investigations- Halloran &Morrissey	\$9200	\$3000	\$12200
<b>Bilateral Agreement</b>	Evidence into Action Workshops - Tanya Vaughan	\$4000		\$4000
<b>Bilateral Agreement</b>	Maximising Growth for Diverse Learners ALDEA Group Bronwyn Macleod	\$15600	\$5000	\$20600
<b>Bilateral Agreement</b>	Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy	\$0		
<b>Bilateral Agreement</b>	First Nation Science Project	\$2500		\$2500
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	NESLI Principal Conversations Program	\$10000		\$10000
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Staff Wellbeing Exhale	\$5280		\$5280
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Inclusion and Student Well Being	\$3000	\$3500	\$6500
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Enhancing Leadership Capabilities NESLI	\$26900	\$4000	\$30900
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Instructional Coaching – Impact Cycle Growth Coaching	\$13000	\$2400	\$15400
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	School Improvement through Coaching - Crowther Centre BGS	\$10000		\$10000
<b>Leadership &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Business Managers - Managing Self and Managing Others NESLI	\$3500		\$3500
<b>Agreements</b>	Legal Support and Advice SH&G	\$13000		\$13000
<b>Agreements</b>	Employer Assist Program – Catholic Care	\$4000		\$4000
<b>Agreements</b>	Exhale Employer Assist	\$7480		\$7480
<b>Agreements</b>	Complaints and Investigations Halloran &Morrissey	\$14900		\$14900
<b>Events</b>	Colloquium	\$10000	\$20000	\$30000
<b>Events</b>	Leadership Breakfast Series	\$12000	\$6000	\$18000
<b>Events</b>	Celebrating Teaching and Learning	\$6000		\$6000
<b>Staffing *</b>	STAFFING AISACT office	\$265840		\$265,840
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$461000</b>	<b>\$46150</b>	<b>\$507,150</b>

\*The AISACT office is staffed with five people which equates to 3.9FTE. All staff contribute in some way to the range of programs and services provided to member schools through the above programs and those activities specified in the ACT Bilateral Agreement. It is therefore not appropriate to allocate a realistic proportion of their time to each activity. The Reform Funding allocated to staff contributes approximately 50% of the total cost of the staff.

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<p><b>NCCD</b> 2019/2021 Commonwealth Government priority <b>Education Support: Inclusion and Student Wellbeing</b></p>	<p>This project encompasses a range of professional learning supports targeted at enhancing student learning and engagement. It focusses on the processes around the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD), through developing capacity of teachers, leadership and support staff capacity in personalised planning and learning for all. Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCCD Cross Sectoral Workshops-series of 4</li> <li>• Positive Behaviour Support Planning-professional learning delivered to schools on request</li> <li>• Individual Learning Planning-professional learning delivered to schools on request</li> <li>• Ongoing support networks- Students with Disabilities and Student Wellbeing</li> <li>• Professional learning workshops for Learning Support Assistants</li> </ul> <p>School specific support for gathering and maintain evidence for NCCD Collection</p>	<p>Reform support funding:</p>	<p>Enhanced understanding and knowledge for attendees of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and Implementing Individual Learning Plans</li> <li>• Developing and Implementing Positive Behaviour Support Plans</li> <li>• Quality differentiation of content, strategies, assessment and reporting</li> <li>• Teaching and learning needs of students with disabilities and additional needs</li> <li>• Teaching and Learning within a student well-being framework</li> <li>• Collaborative approaches to student support</li> </ul>	<p>Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding (repeat for each focus)</p> <p>50% or more of AISACT schools seek support through consultation, professional learning and or individual student support.</p> <p>50% or more of AISACT schools engage in cross sectoral professional learning.</p> <p>50% or more of AISACT schools engage in NCCD moderation and reflection</p>

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<p><b>NCCD</b> 2019/2021 Commonwealth Government priority <b>Education Support: Action Research</b></p>	<p>This project is an enhancement of 2019 and 2020 Action Research Project. School teams develop, implement and reflect on a school specific goal focused on supporting students with additional needs. The project is developed and facilitated by Dr Michael Arthur-Kelly, from the University of Newcastle. The project to date has resulted in 9 projects, with outcomes of some published in the Australasian Journal of Special and Inclusive Education.</p> <p>The format for 2021 is: 2 days of onsite visits to project schools, ongoing support via “zoom”, to refine and further develop projects across the year. Presentation by Dr Arthur Kelly on Quality of Adjustments for Enhanced Student Engagement and Learning.</p>	<p>Reform support funding: \$7000</p>	<p>Enhanced understanding and knowledge for project partners of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of action research and implementation science in enhancing learning outcomes for all students</li> <li>• Collaborative practices in implementation of Action Research in schools.</li> <li>• Developing and utilising professional networks in ongoing research and practices</li> <li>• Project partners have an opportunity to reflect on, modify and further develop their research following school site visits from Dr Arthur-Kelly</li> </ul>	<p>Project presentations at the AISACT annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning Event (3 presentations)</p> <p>Reviews and future planning for projects prepared and shared across the partner schools (6 reports shared)</p>

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<p><b>Governance</b> 2018/2019 /2020/2021 priority Governance and Financial Management Practices</p> <p><b>Governance Workshops</b></p>	<p><b>How do we implement better governance &amp; the Board's role in Monitoring &amp; Measuring Performance, Mastering Financial Governance based in the AISACT School Governance Principles document.</b></p> <p><b>Adrienne Day, Director Day &amp; Hodge Associates, and Adrian Smith</b></p> <p>Seminar series offered twice during the year.</p> <p><b>Sneddon Hall &amp; Gallop</b> Legal implications around legislative responsibilities and the development of FAQ And Template Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing policies</li> <li>• Best practice</li> <li>• Language of legislation</li> </ul> <p><b>Complaints and Investigations - Halloran and Morrissey</b></p>	<p><b>Reform support funding:</b></p> <p>\$12,800 Other: \$2250</p> <p>\$5000</p>	<p>Improved understanding of agile governance implementation.</p> <p>Make it easier for participating member schools to turn theory into practice by providing practical tools/templates to support best practice governance, strategic planning, risk management, advocacy and communication.</p> <p>Member Schools will have access to and an appreciation of the range of legislative implications and laws in the ACT which impact on their policies and practices.</p> <p>Member schools will have access to professional learning on a range of topics: Maintain Professional Boundaries</p>	<p>50% of AISACT member schools engage with the workshop series.</p> <p>Post workshop data indicates that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding of the range of information presented.</p>

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	<p><b>Managing Self and Others for Business Managers - NESLI</b></p> <p>A range of topics will be covered including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinking Strategically,</li> <li>• Purpose and Priorities,</li> <li>• Fostering Team work to meet the strategic directions of the schools</li> <li>• Communication, Negotiation and Influence.</li> </ul>	<p>\$9200</p> <p>Other: \$3000</p> <p>\$3,500</p>	<p>Act Child Protection Legislation Assessing and Managing Complaints Role of the School Board in Safeguarding</p> <p>A range of topics will be covered including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinking Strategically,</li> <li>• Purpose and Priorities,</li> <li>• Fostering Team work to meet the strategic directions of the schools</li> <li>• Communication, Negotiation and Influence.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement <b>Maximising Growth for Diverse Learners: addressing underachievement (Primary and Secondary)</b></p>	<p>This professional learning provides teachers with the tools and understanding to understand and meet the needs of diverse learners in mixed ability classrooms. The courses are delivered via asynchronous and synchronous sessions. Module One: Understanding the Learners Module Two: Curriculum and Program Strategies Module Three: Summative and Formative Assessment</p>	<p>Reform support funding: \$15,600</p> <p>Other: \$5,000</p>	<p>Developing of teacher capacity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify causes of student underachievement, cognitive and affective, and deploy a range of interventional strategies</li> <li>• Develop curriculum and programmatic structures to reverse</li> </ul>	<p>Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported an enhanced understanding regarding effectively maximising growth for diverse learners.</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful</p>



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			underachievement and ensure learning gain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use instructional models to develop critical and creative thinking practices; Inquiry and problem-based learning to underpin instructional design</li> <li>• Design benchmarks for teacher moderation and judgment and student feedback</li> </ul> Professional Standards: Proficient Teacher Standards 3.2, 3.6, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2, 6.4	knowledge and understanding through participating in this program” Strongly Agree/Agree 80%
<b>Bilateral Agreement Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy</b> Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement <b>Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy</b> <b>1. Cultivating Problem Solving (Primary/Secondary)</b>	This professional learning provides teachers with the tools and understanding to help their students to develop problem-solving skills. The Australian Curriculum acknowledges that developing thinking skills is a primary purpose of education and ‘the importance of critical thinking is expected to increase as the world becomes ever more augmented by artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies’ (Daniel T. Willingham, <i>How to Teach Critical Thinking; Education,</i>	Reform support funding: NIL  This workshop mirrors the 2020 workshop: <i>Data Informed Instruction</i> . Due to the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, its delivery was restructured to be delivered via an	Developing of teacher capacity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• teach problem-solving skills, in turn, developing critical thinking self-efficacy in students</li> <li>• use range of tools and strategies to engage students problem-solving</li> <li>• enhance the teaching of the general capability of Critical Thinking</li> </ul>	Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported an enhanced understanding regarding effectively teaching problem solving skills.  ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: “I gained useful knowledge and

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	<p>Future Frontiers Occasional Paper Series – May 2019).</p> <p>Workshop – Cultivating Problem Solving - via online platform (2 hrs)</p>	<p>online platform. It has been negotiated for this similar workshop to remain open for AISACT teachers to access for Semester 1, 2021.</p> <p>No additional cost has been incurred for this access.</p>	<p>Professional Standards Proficient Teacher Standards 1.2.2, 3.1.2</p>	<p>understanding through participating in this program”</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree ≥ 80%</p>

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<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement <b>Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy</b></p> <p><b>2. Informed by Data (Primary/Secondary)</b></p>	<p>This professional learning provides an in-depth look into using data to inform future instruction and planning, whether in the classroom or for school-wide change. Participants examine their own data to identify relevant issues, then employ a scaffolded process to devise and implement interventions for either minor or major change.</p> <p>Workshop- Informed by Data - via online platform (5 hrs)</p>	<p>Reform support funding: Nil</p> <p>This workshop mirrors the 2020 workshop: <i>Developing Problem Solving Skills</i>. Due to the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, its delivery was restructured to be delivered via an online platform. It has been negotiated for this similar workshop to remain open for AISACT teachers to access for Semester 1, 2021.</p> <p>No additional cost has been incurred for this access.</p>	<p>Enhanced capacity of participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use data to inform future instruction and planning, whether in the classroom or for school-wide change</li> <li>• examine their own data to identify relevant issues, then employ a scaffolded process to devise and implement interventions for either minor or major change.</li> </ul> <p>Professional Standards Proficient Teacher Standards 2.5.2, 3.1.2, 3.2.2, 5.1.2, 5.4.2</p>	<p>Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported an enhanced understanding of participant use of data and other evidence to plan for change.</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program"</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree ≥ 80%</p>

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<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement <b>Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy</b></p> <p><b>3. Tapping into Numeracy (Primary and Secondary)</b></p>	<p>This professional learning provides teachers with an in-depth look at the Australian Curriculum general capability of numeracy, its relationship with mathematics and how it pertains to subjects other than mathematics. Numeracy is an essential tool for accessing information and demonstrating knowledge in all areas of the curriculum. Explore how numeracy skills can be utilised in all subject areas to enhance student learning.</p> <p>Workshop- Tapping into Numeracy - via online platform (2 hrs)</p>	<p>Reform support funding: NIL</p> <p>This workshop mirrors the 2020 workshop: <i>Empowering Success Through Numeracy</i>. Due to the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, its delivery was restructured to be delivered via an online platform. It has been negotiated for this similar workshop to remain open for AISACT teachers to access for Semester 1, 2021.</p> <p>No additional cost has been incurred for this access.</p>	<p>Developing of teacher capacity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use a range of tools and strategies to engage students' numeracy skills across all Australian Curriculum areas</li> <li>• enhance the teaching of the general capability - Numeracy</li> <li>• use the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions to inform teacher planning</li> </ul> <p>Professional Standards Proficient Teacher Standards 1.2.2, 1.5.2, 2.5.2</p>	<p>Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced teacher capacity to intentionally engage student numeracy skills in all AC areas.</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program"</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree <math>\geq</math> 80%</p>

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<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement <b>Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy</b></p> <p><b>4. Delving into Differentiation: employing the Australian Curriculum National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions (Primary and Secondary)</b></p>	<p>The Australian Curriculum Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions are a valuable addition to the toolkit for differentiation in the classroom. This professional learning course unpacks these progressions, examining their effectiveness for informing meaningful differentiated planning. Participants may choose to focus on the primary or secondary school setting.</p> <p>Workshop- Delving into Differentiation: employing the Australian Curriculum National Literacy and Numeracy Progressions - via online platform (3 hrs)</p>	<p>Reform support funding: NIL</p> <p>This workshop mirrors the 2020 workshop: M Due to the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, its delivery was restructured to be delivered via an online platform. It has been negotiated for this similar workshop to remain open for AISACT teachers to access for Semester 1, 2021.</p> <p>No additional cost has been incurred for this access.</p>	<p>Enhance capacity of the participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions to design differentiated tasks</li> <li>• examine their current units of work, scrutinising the literacy and numeracy demands and opportunities present</li> <li>• plan future differentiated tasks</li> </ul> <p>Professional Standards Proficient Teacher Standards 1.2.2, 3.1.2</p>	<p>Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced capacity to use the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions to design differentiated tasks.</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program"</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree <math>\geq</math> 80%</p>

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<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement <b>Australian Curriculum and Pedagogy</b></p> <p><b>5. Integrating STEM: an opportunity to reduce workload (Primary)</b></p>	<p>In this comprehensive course, participants learn how using STEM activities and programming can lessen the workload for teachers. Schools can meet ACARA standards, help students to reach benchmarks, reduce assessments and marking, all while engaging students in exciting classroom activities.</p> <p>Integrating STEM: an opportunity to reduce workload – via online platform</p>	<p>Reform support funding: NIL</p>	<p>Enhance capacity of the participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and plan classroom activities and ideas to effectively incorporate STEM across the curriculum.</li> </ul> <p>Professional Standards Proficient Teacher Standards 1.2.2, 2.2.2, 2.3.2, 3.2.2</p>	<p>Pre and post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced capacity to program using STEM activities.</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: “I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program”</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree ≥ 80%</p>

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<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral reform Direction A Support students, student learning and achievement <b>First Nations Science: a Cross Sectoral Project</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AC: New Science elaborations addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures Workshop Series developed in partnership with ACARA. The workshops will unpack the intent and application of the Science elaborations via core science concepts and support local contextualisation of the elaborations.</li> <li>• Primary (all) and Secondary science teachers focus</li> </ul>	<p>Reform support funding \$2,500</p>	<p>Participating schools will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and improve ways of using the Australian Curriculum: Science Achievement Standards, Content Descriptions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elaborations to design learning opportunities for students</li> <li>• Embrace a 'truly Australian perspective' (ACARA Curriculum Directors Meeting, August 2018) by using the cross curriculum perspective as a context for learning</li> </ul>	<p>Pre and post program data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding of the Australian Curriculum: Science Achievement Standards, Content Descriptions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elaborations to design learning opportunities for students.</p>

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<p><b>Bilateral Agreement</b> Bilateral Reform Direction B: Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement <b>Evidence into Action Workshop series</b></p>	<p>This project is based on structuring change based on evidence. The EAP encourages evidence-informed decision making and the gathering of practice-based evidence. The workshop will prompt participants to use the EAP as a road map for an improvement journey, and assist educators to answer three important questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where are you going?</li> <li>• How will you get there?</li> <li>• What will tell you that you've arrived?</li> </ul> <p><b>Workshop 1</b> - Using the Education Action Plan to turn evidence into action</p> <p><b>Workshop 2</b> - Practice-based evidence – what is your evidence telling you</p>	<p>Reform support funding: \$4,000</p>	<p>Participating schools will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*investigate the hierarchy of evidence (Deeble &amp; Vaughan, 2018) and the latest evidence within the Teaching &amp; Learning Toolkit , including a focus on feedback, metacognition and self-regulation.</li> <li>*learn about how to structure a change in their school based on evidence through the Education Action Plan (EAP).</li> <li>*use the EAP as a road map for an improvement journey.</li> <li>*look at the practice-based evidence that they have gathered after implementing their Education Action Plan for 6 months. The educators will investigate their quantitative and qualitative evidence and answer the questions of: Has there been an improvement in students' learning? What are the active ingredients involved in the implementation of the approach?</li> </ul>	<p>Post program data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding of the how to structure a change in their schools via the EAP.</p> <p>Post program data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding of the how to investigate their quantitative and qualitative data to support teaching, school leadership and school improvement.</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program"</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree ≥ 80%</p>



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<p><b>Leadership and Wellbeing</b> Bilateral Reform Direction B: Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement</p> <p><b>Principals' Conversations Program provided by National Excellence in School Leadership Initiatives NESLI</b></p>	<p>The Principals' Conversations Program supports principals to engage with colleagues to share and better understand and proactively manage their day-to-day health and wellbeing to be more effective role models within their schools</p> <p><b>Key themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustaining individual and organisational health</li> <li>• Physical, mental and emotional health</li> <li>• Self-awareness and self-regulation</li> <li>• Responding to organisational trauma and stress</li> <li>• Relationships and their impact on our wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>Reform support funding \$10,000</p>	<p>The program connects principals across member schools of the Association of Independent Schools Canberra and is built around the concept of a supportive community of practice.</p> <p><b>Learning intentions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the links between social capital and wellbeing</li> <li>• Explore practical strategies to enhance personal wellbeing</li> <li>• Understand how to have a meaningful dialogue around wellbeing in your school</li> <li>• Help increase social capital and inclusion in your school</li> </ul>	<p>Post workshop data indicates that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an appreciation of the range of elements that assist them to better understand and proactively manage their day-to-day health and wellbeing to be more effective role models within their schools</p> <p>50% of AISACT member schools engage with the workshop series.</p>

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<p><b>Leadership and Wellbeing</b> Direction B Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement <b>Staff Wellbeing Community of Practice</b></p>	<p>Hosting regular Communities of Practice (COP) sessions throughout 2021 will support a prior 18 month program wherein ACT Independent Schools gained benchmark data using the Adesso profiling tool, and upskilled wellbeing ambassadors in each school to drive long-term sustainable results.</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$5,280</p>	<p>The Communities of Practice sessions will connect teachers across member schools of the Association of Independent Schools Canberra to continue to build capacity and problem solve in relation to the key drivers of wellbeing, strategies, learning theories and wellbeing frameworks.</p>	<p>50% of AISACT member school representatives engage with the Communities of Practice sessions.</p>

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<p><b>Leadership and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Bilateral Reform Direction B: Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement Inclusion and Student Wellbeing</p>	<p>This project brings together Student Wellbeing coordinators from AISACT schools in a sharing network.</p> <p>It will connect school personnel with a range of community agencies and evidence-based practices to support the complex work of identifying and responding to mental ill-health. The practices will span both proactive and reactive strategies and provide practical and meaningful links to services.</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$3000</p> <p>Other: \$3500</p>	<p>Virtual or face to face forum showcasing and sharing leading practices in supporting student well-being and engagement. The forum will have a keynote address by a locally identified expert in the mental health of young people, followed by school sharing opportunities and opportunities for teachers and students to connect with community and government agencies.</p>	<p>Post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported the forum provided useful knowledge and valuable community and school connections.</p> <p>10 or more AISACT schools attend and/ or present at the forum.</p>

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<p><b>Leadership and Wellbeing</b> Bilateral reform Direction B Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement <b>NESLI Enhancing Leadership Capabilities</b></p>	<p><b>Emerging Leaders Enhancing Leadership Capabilities</b></p> <p>(Day 1 Workshop) Module 1: Vision, Values and Understanding</p> <p>(Webinar 1) Module 2: Building Reflective and Responsive Practice</p> <p>(Webinar 2) Module 3: Enhancing School Relationships</p> <p>(Day 2 Workshop) Module 4 &amp; 5 Navigating Conflict and Fostering Connection &amp; Committing to Leadership</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$26,900</p> <p>Other \$4,000</p>	<p>Enhanced understanding of effective communication and tools of influence.</p> <p>Clarification of best practice leadership styles.</p> <p>Development of insights and skills to think strategically and lead teams.</p>	<p>50% of AISACT member schools engage with the workshop series.</p> <p>Post program data indicates that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding of leadership capabilities.</p> <p>ACT TOI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program"</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree <math>\geq</math> 80%</p>

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<p><b>Leadership and Wellbeing</b> Bilateral reform Direction B Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement</p> <p><b>Leadership and School Improvement – School Improvement through Coaching</b></p>	<p>A range of programs and activities will be provided to support member’s schools in further developing their knowledge of the use and the impact of coaching on enhancing staff and student outcomes.</p> <p>Two workshops and instructional coaching Communities of Practice (COP) sessions -Dr Mark Dowley, Dr Ray Swann from Brighton Grammar and</p> <p>Growth Coaching International (GCI): workshop - The Impact Cycle</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$10,000</p> <p>Reform support funding \$13,000</p> <p>Other \$2,400</p>	<p>Coaching in Education is recognised as a key ingredient in school improvement, and an important way to build teaching and learning capacity, develop leadership skills and ultimately improve learning outcomes and wellbeing.</p> <p>Participants in all programs will develop specific skills and an understanding of how coaching and the Impact Cycle can positively impact student learning outcomes and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Post program data indicates that higher than 80% of participants reported growth and an enhanced understanding of coaching, the Impact Cycle and acquired skills.</p>

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<p><b>Agreements</b></p> <p>Improving governance Bilateral Reform Direction B Support teaching, school leadership and School improvement</p> <p><b>Supporting Member Schools through Agreements</b></p>	<p>The office of the AISACT enters agreements with a range of providers to provide expert advice and support on a need's basis to member schools.</p> <p>Legal support/helpline, Snedden Hall &amp; Gallop – to ensure that general advice on governance, legislation, financial matters and staff well being is provided to leaders in Member schools (specific legal action that schools may need to pursue is not covered)</p> <p>Complaints and Investigations – Halloran &amp; Morrissey</p> <p>Employee Assist and Counselling Advice – Through two providers Catholic Care &amp; Exhale People</p>	<p>Reform support funding</p> <p>\$39380</p>	<p>Schools can confidentially access the expert advice required as needed to meet a range of services</p>	<p>Providers report that Member schools access these services on a need's basis</p>

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<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement</p> <p><b>Colloquium - Potential Mental Health Theme</b></p>	<p>The cross-sectoral collaboration in teaching school leadership and school improvement event provides the opportunity for all sectors of the ACT education community to engage in robust and stimulating professional conversations in relation to the theme.</p> <p>Through keynote presentations participants will be provoked to challenge their thinking and equip them to transform what is learned into practice within their schools.</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$10,000</p> <p>Other: \$20,000</p>		<p>Post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported an enhanced appreciation of the student engagement and wellbeing focus</p> <p>Very high = &gt;50%</p> <p>High = &gt;80%</p> <p>ACT TQI independent evaluation against the criteria: "I gained useful knowledge and understanding through participating in this program"</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree <math>\geq</math> 80%</p> <p>Cross sectoral representation was supported</p>

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<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>Bilateral Reform Direction A: Support students, student learning and achievement</p> <p><b>AISACT Celebrating Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p>	<p>The AISACT Celebrating Teaching and Learning event is an opportunity to hear about and discuss the extensive range of teaching and learning projects and programs that have occurred in AISACT Member Schools. This event provides an opportunity for AISACT Member Schools to come together as a group and celebrate the successes enjoyed, challenges met and lessons learned.</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$6,000</p>	<p>Enhanced awareness of exemplary teaching and learning projects and strategies.</p>	<p>Post workshop data indicating that higher than 80% of participants reported an enhanced appreciation of teaching and learning strategies.</p> <p>Strongly Agree/Agree <math>\geq</math> 80%</p>



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<p><b>Events</b> Bilateral reform Direction B Support teaching, school leadership and school improvement <b>Leadership Breakfast Series</b></p>	<p>The <i>AISACT Leadership Breakfast</i> engages school leaders across the ACT, irrespective of schooling sector, in issues of significance and importance in the education sphere; specifically, lessons in leadership as delivered by guest speakers, and how these lessons may be transferred to schools to enhance the learning achievements of all students</p> <p>Significant national speakers provide a breakfast talk on their journey and learnings about leadership</p> <p>AISACT hosts at least 3 breakfast each year</p>	<p>Reform support funding \$12,000</p> <p>Other: \$6,000</p>	<p>The speakers list is varied and highlights the fundamental desire in organising the breakfast series to bring speakers who are not necessarily part of the regular education speaking circuit. Rather, their expertise in leadership, and their leadership journey, provide transferable lessons in leadership for educators across Canberra.</p> <p>The challenges for leadership in educational settings are numerous, and school leaders increasingly look beyond their own environments to learn more and improve their leadership capacity. Develop cross-sectoral collaboration in school leadership.</p>	<p>Post program data indicates that higher than 80% of the AISACT school membership engaged in this leadership series.</p> <p>Cross sectoral representation was supported</p>

## **List of Participating Schools**

Blue Gum Community School  
Brindabella Christian College  
Burgmann Anglican School  
Canberra Christian School  
Canberra Girls Grammar School  
Canberra Grammar School  
Canberra Jewish School  
Canberra Montessori School  
Covenant Christian School  
Daramalan College  
Emmaus Christian School  
Galilee School  
Islamic School of Canberra  
Marist College Canberra (invited to participate as a Member School of AISACT)  
Orana Steiner School  
Radford College  
St Edmund's College Canberra (invited to participate as a Member School of AISACT)  
Taqwa School  
Trinity Christian School