

STATE COUNCIL 5, 2017 AFFILIATE REPORT



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ELECTORATE 'GET TOGETHERS'

Following a string of successful P&C get togethers (networking evenings), WACSSO strongly recommends P&Cs contact their State Councillors to discuss the possibility of a get together in their area.

We have had great feedback from our councillors and P&Cs. Get togethers bring P&C members from different school communities together to discuss concerns, issues and chat about the running of P&Cs.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING ADDRESS

- Voluntary targeted redundancies in the Department of Education
- Local jobs, local projects
- Science labs in primary schools
- Level 3 teacher/classroom leaders with a focus on mental health
- Restoration of EA and AEIO numbers
- Regional Learning Coordinators to support students studying ATAR subjects through SIDE
- Strategies to stabilise and support leadership in hard to staff schools
- Kitchener Park to open for Year 7s in 2020

NEW RESOURCES

The Public Relations Portfolio has been reviewing the current suite of WACSSO parental engagement resources. We have now received feedback from affiliates and the State School Teachers Union WA around the Parent/Teacher Interview document and will be releasing an updated version in 2018.

Council decided to make volunteer appreciation certificates available for school communities to use as a simple, but thoughtful, recognition of service. These will be available in February 2018.

WACSSO POLICY REVISION

WACSSO met with the Equal Opportunity Commission in November 2017, to discuss revision of WACSSO's Gender and Sexuality policy.

The Planning Portfolio has since begun the process of reviewing these and other sections of the WACSSO policy that have been flagged as potentially needing an update.

These policy revisions will be formalised in August at our annual conference, following discussion and voting. Please contact your WACSSO State Councillor or the office should you wish to contribute to this process.

OTHER ISSUES IN SHORT

- Structure of the school day
- Boarding Away from Home Allowance
- School capacity/ overcrowding
- Maintenance of play spaces and sports courts
- Internet speed
- Caps on specialist services
- Chaplaincy funding
- Future of services and naming – KidsMatters, MindMatters, Headspace
- Impact of drugs and alcohol on young people
- Supporting parents to support young people
- Drug Policy in schools
- Access and Equity

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