

# STATE COUNCIL 1, 2019

## AFFILIATE REPORT



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### 2019 IS READY FOR TAKEOFF

The first State Council meeting was held last month and with everything that was discussed, it is safe to say we have kicked off 2019 with a bang. With plans well on the way for an incredible and eventful year ahead, we need to fasten our seatbelts as things at WACSSO are about to get very busy.

### P&C DAY WA

WACSSO is very excited to reveal that P&C DAY WA will be held on **26 July 2019**. This annual event has been launched to encourage the entire state to celebrate the amazing work that P&C's do for their school communities.



The P&C DAY WA logo was designed inhouse and features a vibrant sun which is symbolic of life, energy, force, strength, power, positivity and joy with the WACSSO silhouette in front of it marrying it to the WACSSO brand. The concept showcases the impact P&Cs have on the future of Public Schools in WA.

### WACSSO CONFERENCE

We are very excited to announce the theme of our 85th Annual WACSSO Conference: *Their potential. Our purpose.*



The essence of the theme is in line with

our belief that every student should be supported to achieve to the best of their individual potential. Students are the central purpose in all the work that we as parents and members of the wider school community do. It is also in recognition of you, our affiliates, and us helping you realise and reach your potential is our purpose.

The conference will be held at the Crown Perth from **17 – 18 August 2019**. Arrangements are well underway for speakers, workshops and sponsors.

### ELECTION/RECRUITMENT

Currently only 50% of Electorates have a sitting Councillor. New strategies for recruiting new Councillors were discussed, keeping the changing demographic and different/personal ideologies in mind. Various strategies were discussed including free coaching, practice sessions and sharing Councillor stories in the form of testimonials. WACSSO is calling for nominations to fill the following positions:

- TERM ELECTIONS: Canning North, Peel North, Perth South, South West and Swan West
- BY-ELECTIONS: Canning West, Fremantle, Great Southern, Swan East, Warren-Blackwood and Wheatbelt South

The deadline for submitting all nomination forms is Friday, 5 April 2019.

### PRIORITY ISSUES

At each State Council meeting, Councillors highlight issues facing school communities across their electorates. Among issues brought up at SC 1 were:

- Violence in schools, the impact it has on learning and support for those affected.
- Mental Health and student support services being engaged with school communities.
- How WACSSO will work with the new Director General of Education.
- Environmental issues, recycling –

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opportunities for resource generation and links to curriculum.

- Valuing Children Initiative – evidence-based messaging to see how we value children in their early years.
- Year 11 & 12 changes to WACE pathway options.
- Ensuring quality outcomes for students in all pathways – VET, ATAR, and General.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Allan Blagaich, School Curriculum and Standards Authority, met with State Council to discuss the consultation process for the changes to senior schooling.



### FOR THE DIARY

The next meeting of State Council will be held on 8th and 9th June 2019 at Mercure Hotel Perth, 10 Irwin Street, Perth, Georgiana Room, Level 1 West Foyer.