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# Schools for All Program Schools Update 8 – 21 June 2016

## Parent/Carer Forum

The second Parent/Carer Forums were held on Wednesday 15 June 2016. Two sessions were held on the day. While attendance was low there were very productive discussions had on a range of topics including professional learning, disability education, BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) policy, the Student Centred Assessment of Need (SCAN) process; National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and improving communications to parents.

These forums are aimed at facilitating an open dialogue between the Schools for All Program Implementation Team and the broader community. The next forum is scheduled for Thursday 15 September 2016.

Further information will be provided to schools in the lead up to this date.

### Quarterly Reports to the Minister

As mentioned in our last update, the Executive Summary and first Quarterly Report to the Minister are available on our Schools for All webpage under ‘**What’s New’**.

The next quarterly report to the Minister is due in July 2016.

### Schools for All Oversight Group

The Schools for All Oversight Group has been established to provide independent assurance and assistance to the Director-General and the Minister for Education to monitor the implementation of the 50 recommendations from the Expert Panel Report.

As announced by Minister Rattenbury on 3 June 2016, Emeritus Professor Tony Shaddock has been engaged by the directorate to provide strategic advice on key elements of the Schools for All Program. Mr Ian Claridge has been appointed by the Minister to the independent Oversight Group.

Mr Claridge has over 37 years experience in education and was a consultant to the Expert Panel. Prior to retirement he was responsible for student wellbeing and health support for over 1,500 Victorian schools and in 2015 was engaged by the Victorian Education Department to undertake a strategic analysis of issues arising from the Review of the Program for Students with Disabilities.

The Oversight Group will next meet on Tuesday 21 June 2016.

### What is happening in the Schools for All Program?

Since the completion of the first quarterly report on the Schools for All Program in March 2016, significant progress has been made across the range of projects. Key achievements over this period will be detailed in the next Schools Bulletin.

An initial meeting was held with Professor Shaddock to discuss a model for change. Professor Shaddock focussed on the spirit and intent of the Report (Chapter 5) and a model and framework for change was discussed.

In addition to the work on change management, a planning workshop is scheduled for 22 June 2016 to develop an Evaluation Strategy for the Schools for All Program. This initial workshop is being led by Dr Helen Berry of the Australian National University. Several principals will also be attending this workshop to provide their valuable input to the development of this strategy.

## Further detail on these two key strategies will be provided as this work is progressed.

## Keep in touch

If you have any questions, comments or feedback associated with the Schools for All Program please contact the Schools for All Program Implementation Team on [SchoolsForAll@act.gov.au](mailto:SchoolsForAll@act.gov.au) or on 6207 6606.