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# Schools for All Program Fortnightly Update 3 – 22 March 2016

## Schools for All Program Governance Update

The Schools for All Program Oversight Group met on Thursday 17 March 2016. At this meeting, the members reviewed the first quarterly reports for the Schools for All Program. These reports detail the status of all projects, including key achievements to date, timeframes for deliverables, issues and risks. Following endorsement by the Oversight Group, the Minister for Education will be provided with the first quarterly reports on 29 April 2016.

## Consultation with Schools and School Communities

### Parent/Carer Forums

The first Parent/Carer forum was held on Wednesday 16 March 2016. Four parents attended the morning session and eight parents attended the evening session. Thank you to the schools who advertised the forums in their school newsletter. A presentation was delivered by Jacinta Evans, Schools for All Program Director. Future forums for the year are as follows:

**Forum 2 Wednesday 15 June 2016 *(Term 2, Week 8)***

9:30-10:30 Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

5:30pm- 6:30pm UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen (Library)

**Forum 3 Thursday 15 September 2016 *(Term 3, Week 9)***

9:30am-10:30am UC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen (Library)

5:30pm-6:30pm Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

**Forum 4 Thursday 10 November 2016 *(Term 4, Week 5)***

9:30-10:30 Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

5:30pm- 6:30pmUC High School Kaleen, Baldwin Drive, Kaleen (Library)

### Principal Consultation

The Principal Advisory Group for 2016 held its inaugural meeting on Thursday, 10 March 2016. A Schools for All presentation was delivered by Jacinta Evans, Schools for All Program Director. Principals were encouraged to be:

* engaged in individual working groups and contribute to policy review and design;
* contributors to the mapping of new student pathways to better support students with complex needs and challenging behaviours;
* change agents and advocates for the Schools for All Program – supporting the longer term vision of sustained cultural change; and
* participants in the longer term evaluation of the Program.

## Consultation with Other Key Stakeholders

### Disability Education Reference Group (DERG)

The Disability Education Reference Group held its first meeting for the year on Tuesday 1 March 2016. Members were provided with an update on the Schools for All Program and invited to provide feedback on implementation and the progress made to date. The DERG will be provided with an update on the Schools for All Program at each meeting.

### Australian Education Union (AEU)

The Director-General provided an update on the Schools for All Program at her quarterly meeting with the AEU on Monday 7 March 2016.

### Minister Stakeholder Forum

Minister for Education, Shane Rattenbury MLA invited a range of stakeholders to a Roundtable meeting on Thursday 17 March 2016. Minister Rattenbury is committed to engaging non government and community representatives in all aspects of the Schools for All Program.

## Key Progress to Date

A **Quick Reference Guide** has been drafted to support schools in understanding the **Education Participation (Enrolment and Attendance) Policy** and all related procedures including the Exemption Certificate Procedure. This is going through an internal consultation process (Rec 11.4).

**Positive Behaviours for Learning Project (PBL)** – four schools have visited western Sydney public schools to talk with principals and see the implementation of PBL. A recruitment process is underway to recruit four officers for a period of four years to support schools to implement the program (Rec 9.1).

The **Improving Educational Outcomes for Students in Out of Home Care Committee has commenced preparing a Memorandum of Understanding**. Community Services Directorate is leading the Committee. Catholic Education and the Association of Independent Schools ACT have been invited to join the Committee to strengthen the system response (Rec 6.4).

## Quick links

Schools for All Programinformation can be found at[*http://www.det.act.gov.au/school\_education/schools-for-all*](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/schools-for-all)

## Keep in touch

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