

CHAIR'S REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2019

This financial year has seen an increase in activities of the Association and an increase in the member services provided by the Association.

CONTINUED GROWTH OF IB SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA

Our Association continues to grow and develop.

While our membership numbers remained steady with 121 full member schools and 12 Associate member schools in 2018-2019 (as compared to 119 full member schools and 14 Associate member schools in 2017-2018) our services expanded significantly to include an additional Speaker Series event, a Student Speaker Series event for PYP Students, additional streams of communication with our letters to networks and Employment Opportunities Bulletin, continued growth of our Employment services and certificates for member schools.

In March 2019, The IB Schools Australasia Strategic Plan 2019-2021 was released at the IB Global Conference in Hong Kong. The Strategic Plan outlines our objectives and activities, including our first biannual Leadership Symposium in August 2019 and Conference in September 2020.

We look forward to the continued growth and development of our association and support for member schools.

WELCOME TO STEVEN WISHART

IB Schools Australasia was delighted with the announcement by the IB that Steven Wishart would be the new Manager IB World Schools, Australasia. IB Schools Australasia has been working closely with Steven on matters of concern to our member schools and we look forward to continuing our work with Steven to support our member schools in Australasia.

RELEASE OF IB SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA'S STRATEGIC PLAN

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In January 2019, Kath Kayrooz resigned as a member of our Standing Committee, due to the growth and development of her own school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kath for her support of IB Schools Australasia over the previous 2.5 years. Her support has meant the continued expansion of services in Queensland and her knowledge of the Australian University system has been invaluable.

We were very pleased to have Paul Teys accept to fill the Casual Vacancy from January 2019 until our AGM on 23 August, 2019. We would like to thank Paul for stepping into this position and for his active involvement on the Standing Committee during this time and we look forward to continuing to work with Paul in the future.

The Standing Committee Members for 2018-2019 were: Ashley Coats (Chair), David Boardman (Secretary), Karen Abraham, Fiona Godfrey, Natalie Jensen, Kath Kayrooz/Paul Teys, Antony Mayrhofer, Judy Rutter, Anne Wallington. In addition to the elected members of the association the following members were co-opted for 2018-2019: Brett Darcy (Treasurer), Kay Margetts, Kathy Saville and Susan Just (Immediate Past Chair)

The members of the Standing Committee have been active in working to better support member schools. I thank them all for their support and commitment to the work of the Association and to our member schools.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANCE, IB SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA

Rebecca Hammond continued her position as Executive Assistant of IB Schools Australasia during 2018 and 2019.

Rebecca has continued to deliver our services to our member schools including our increasingly popular Careers service, website updates, newsletters, membership renewals, supporting the work of the Standing Committee, overseeing the efficient operations of the

Speaker Series, Student Speaker Series, provided schools with their certificate orders, implemented our Employment Opportunities service, liaised with the IB and documented policies and procedures of the association. Rebecca has also attended to compliance matters for both the Association (IBSA) and the company (AAIBS Ltd).

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual General meeting was held on Monday 6 August, 2018 at 10.30am in the Ian Woolf Auditorium, Carey Baptist Grammar School, Kew. At this meeting we launched our partnership with Reshaping Schools. We look forward to working with Reshaping Schools in delivering some of our Professional Learning.

The AGM also included the complimentary professional learning event *Democracy and the Automated Public Sphere* by Professor Mark Andrejevic.

SPEAKER SERIES

The Fourth Annual Speaker Series was presented by Dr John Willison on *Models of Engaged Learning and Teaching for Amplifying approaches to learning, PYP through to DP*.

Events for the 2018 Speaker Series took place at the following venues:

- 10 May - Auckland - Kristin School
- 14 May - Melbourne - Methodist Ladies' College
- 17 May - Brisbane - QASMT
- 21 May - Canberra - Radford College
- 23 May - Adelaide - Mercedes College

The 2018 Speaker Series was recorded and made available as a Professional Learning Package to our member schools.

STUDENT SPEAKER SERIES

2018 saw the continuation of the Student Speaker Series presented by Dr John Willison, School of Education, The University of Adelaide with Student Speaker Series events for both PYP and MYP students.

In 2018 there were 6 Student Speaker Series events organised for our member schools.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Throughout the 2018 - 2019 financial year our very popular employment services have continued to grow. IB Schools Australasia recognises that our Member Schools are employers of choice, therefore, to assist schools with sourcing the best candidates for positions, IB Schools Australasia continued to provide advertising on our website, in our weekly bulletin and on our Facebook page and LinkedIn page free of charge to our member schools.

In mid-February, 2018 the careers page was launched at <https://ibaustralasia.org/careers>. The careers page has increased our reach to potential candidates outside of our database. During the 2018-2019 financial year we advertised 296 positions within our member schools on our website, in the weekly bulletin and on our Facebook and LinkedIn pages.

IB SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA CERTIFICATES FOR STUDENTS

In 2018-2019, the IB Schools Australasia Certificates were expanded to include certificates for the CP.

Orders were facilitated through the inclusion of order forms in the IB Schools Australasia newsletter, distributed towards the end of the school year.

The following range of Certificates were available to member schools:

Career-related Programme

- *Certificate of Merit* for CP graduates who have achieved 6+ (only 2 taken)

- *Certificate of Merit for the Reflective Project* for CP graduates who have achieved a B or above
- *Certificate of Outstanding Career Related Studies* for CP graduates who have achieved the highest level in their chosen professional course
- *Certificate of outstanding Service.* This Certificate is to be presented within schools as they see fit for a small number of students whose service embodies the IB mission statement ideal. It is anticipated that there would be only one of two of these awarded in any one school.
- *Career Programme Achievement.* This Certificate is for CP graduates who have completed the requirements of the Career-related programme. This certificate could be used by schools or Networks that have ceremonies where all students who pass the Career-related programme are recognised.

Diploma Programme

- *Certificate of Distinction* for DP graduates who have achieved an IB score of 40 points or more.
- *Certificate of Merit* for DP graduates who have achieved at least one Grade 7 in one subject or an 'A' in EE/TOK.
- *Certificate of outstanding Creativity, Action and Service.* This Certificate is to be presented within schools as they see fit for a small number of students whose CAS embodies the IB mission statement ideal. It is anticipated that there would be only one of two of these awarded in any one school.
- *Diploma Achievement.* This Certificate is for DP graduates who have completed the requirements of the Diploma. This certificate could be used by schools or Networks that have ceremonies where all students who pass the Diploma are recognised.
- *Diploma Awards Booklet Template*

Middle Years Programme

- *Certificate of Distinction* are for students who have achieved an overall average score greater than 6 across all subjects.
- *Certificate of Merit* for students who have achieved a score of 7 in one or more subjects.
- *Certificate of outstanding Service as Action.* This certificate is to be presented within schools as they see fit to a small number of students whose Service as Action embodies the IB mission statement ideal. It is anticipated that there would be only one of two of these awarded in any one school
- *Certificate of Participation.* This Certificate is for students who have participated in the Middle Years Programme and been involved in the Personal Project or the Community Project in their final year (Please select the relevant option). This certificate could be used in schools which are moderated as well as those that are not.

Primary Years Programme

- *Certificate of Participation* for students who have participated in the Primary Years Programme and have been involved in the Exhibition in the final year.

ADVOCATING FOR OUR MEMBER SCHOOLS

During 2018 – 2019 IB Schools Australasia has advocated in the areas of Diploma Programme results release dates and the introduction of Te Reo *ab initio* for the Diploma Programme.

Whilst there were not sufficient numbers of students to add Te Reo *ab initio* for the Diploma Programme at present, the IB will continue to work with us in this area if the projected numbers of students increase.

IB Schools Australasia was delighted to be informed that, following our ongoing discussions and submission to the International Baccalaureate, that the Diploma Programme (DP) and Career-related Programme (CP) exam results for the November 2020 session will be released on a new date.

For the November 2020 DP and CP examination session, the IB will release results to schools on 17 December 2020.

We would sincerely like to thank all those schools involved and the IB for making this new results release date possible.

COMMUNICATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF OUR MEMBER SCHOOLS

A regular Newsletter was sent electronically to Heads, Coordinators and other interested staff members at member schools in 2018 - 2019. These have outlined the details of the Speaker Series, Student Speaker Series, IB workshops, marketing opportunities including the website and administrative matters relating to the Association and the Annual General Meeting.

Due to the development of the employment services IB Schools Australasia has also developed a separate database for the weekly employment bulletin. The current subscription to this database is over 730 contacts.

In 2018, IB Schools Australasia also commenced with the provision of a letter to the networks within our region each term to provide them with an update on our services and news from the IB and from other Australasian networks. This information has been very well received and will continue to be provided to networks on an ongoing basis.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The Standing Committee continues to be committed to providing services to meet the needs of member schools and has commenced exploring other services which might be offered. This has continued to be a major focus of meetings held in 2018 and early 2019.

As IB Schools Australasia looks to the coming years, we are hoping to provide more professional learning opportunities within Australasia both as workshops and conferences.

We look forward to working with our member schools over the 2019-2020 year.

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