



Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland

Communications



What ICPA Qld Inc. is working on:

- Advising the Department of Education (DoE), Telstra and nbn™ on issues that impact on the delivery of quality internet, voice services and other systems to our small schools and distance education classrooms.
- Liaising regularly with the DoE branches regarding QLearn developments and implementation strategies.
- Informing the DoE of communication abilities and constraints for rural and remote families.
- Providing members with up-to-date technical information and news to assist with connectivity.
- Sharing opportunities for members to participate in online and in-branch workshops to improve digital safety and literacy.
- Preparing submissions to relevant groups to ensure rural and remote education remains a key consideration in legislative or program changes.
- Remaining a key stakeholder in various communications groups— including the Telstra Regional Advisory Council (TRAC).
- Liaising with, and supporting, ICPA Australia with Federal communications issues.
- Ensuring reliable and adequate internet services to rural and remote Schools is available.
- Advocating for the continuation of the Mobile Blackspot Program throughout rural & remote Qld.
- Co-collaboration with the Digital Child and the DoE on research regarding online learning.
- Sharing translation pieces collated from studies to inform members of online learning key findings.
- Seeking the provision of more tech support for rural and remote schools.
- Identifying feasible alternatives in some locations to the HCRC.

What ICPA Qld Inc. has achieved:

- ICPA Qld became a formal in-kind partner of the Australian Research Councils Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child.
- ICPA Qld was instrumental in the establishment and subsequent increases of the DoE internet and hardware subsidies for geographically isolated Distance Education students.
- Increase to ICT Subsidy by 38% to \$400/student /year – June 2022.
- Un-metering on nbn services for all school hours.
- Regional Telecommunications review submitted.
- Bandwidth capabilities upgraded in all schools in Qld has commenced.
- Online safety webinars with nbn. Local.



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“Advocating for equitable education, opportunities and support for rural and remote students”