

## Distance Education

### Do you wonder what ICPA Qld does for Distance Education?

#### What we are working on.....

- ✚ Lobbying Department of Education (DoE) to ensure Schools of Distance Education (SDE) are considered in the allocation of infrastructure projects in order to keep pace with enrolment needs and the unique nature of regional SDEs across Queensland.
- ✚ Seeking to ensure that distance education (DE) curriculum materials are continuously updated to align with mainstream resources, and that materials can be delivered adequately by a Home Tutor in a DE classroom.
- ✚ Lobbying to ensure that DE class sizes on audio lessons are within the established teacher:student ratios and to ensure that students are not disadvantaged due to this method of curriculum delivery.
- ✚ Ensuring that DE families are aware of the requirements for a home schoolroom, including the need for more than one phone line in multi-age class rooms. Furthermore, seeking that installation of extra phone lines is timely and affordable.
- ✚ Seeking the inclusion of a 'rural and remote' subject within teaching degrees to ensure graduate teachers are equipped with the skills needed to teach in a SDE or rural and remote school.
- ✚ Lobbying for 'home tutoring' to be considered credible teaching experience for the purpose of recognition of prior learning and valuable skill attainment.

#### What We Have Done.....

- ✚ Successfully lobbied for the eKindy program so children could have the best possible start to their education. eKindy is now firmly entrenched in the DE syllabus.
- ✚ Were instrumental in the establishment and later increase of the DoE internet and hardware subsidies for geographically isolated DE students.
- ✚ Strongly advocated for the Sky Muster education port for geographically isolated and medical DE enrolled students providing an extra 50GB of data for educational use. Home education students can also now access this.



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