



Queensland Children's Hospital School Hospital Schooling Advisory Council

(HSAC)

State Conference Report 2024

The HSAC is the community/parent/carer advisory council implemented to support students in all hospital education programs across Queensland.

Governance Model

The Deputy Director General worked with senior leaders and established the Hospital Education Advisory Group (HEAG) which is an additional governance group that will make recommendations to direct the department's delivery of hospital education in Queensland, with consideration of cross-agency implications and developing best practice.

Virtual Hospital Education Program (VHEP) - including addition of Mt Isa and Emerald for 2024

VHEP is now staffed with a 6 full-time equivalent teacher allocation. This is in response to the growing demand for the program, developing public awareness of the initiative and expansion into a number of regional hospital locations. Currently, recruiting relief teaching staff to ensure continuity of teaching to the students. In the next few weeks, VHEP will be providing an on-call Guidance Officer service to assist teaching staff, students, families and schools with transitions from the program and back to school.

In 2024, VHEP now provides educational support for students in hospitals in Mackay, Mt Isa and Emerald. Continuing this year will also be the support for students in The Princess Alexandra Hospital and The Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane.

Jacaranda Place – Investigating how to broaden the intake opportunities into the adolescent unit. There is a potential intake pathway through Ipswich SHS direct to the adolescent unit panel. Ipswich SHS has been selected based on the clinical support within the school – GP, Psychologist, Guidance Officers and School Based Youth Health Nurse. This is still in the planning phase as a partnered project between Education and Health.

Member Retiring

The Tribute Medal (usually awarded to adults) is for outstanding service or support for sick, injured or disabled children, particularly (but not necessarily exclusively) that promotes the development and support of a child or adolescent's education, this latter in its broadest context. 2023 recipient for Service to HSAC was **Jacky Dawson, Independent Schools Qld representative**, who has had a very long association with ICPA – Qld.

The Miss Ida Kennedy Teacher Scholarship - Miss Ida Kennedy O.A.M., was the Principal of Clayfield College, Brisbane, from 1964 for a period of 26 years. She was dedicated to her position, and under her leadership the college grew and thrived. The generous funds for the *Miss Ida Kennedy Teacher Scholarship* have been made available through her will and her desire to develop the capability of teachers. The *Scholarship* is awarded each year and gives a regional teacher the opportunity for professional learning and development through engaging in visits to other hospital programs in Queensland. **The funding for this scholarship has two more years to run and any suggestions on who to approach to fill this gap would be welcomed.**

HSAC members and the Executive Principal attended the ICPA State Conference in 2023 and it is appreciated to have this representation here in Townsville. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to speak with them. It is a privilege to represent ICPA – Qld on this advisory council and any questions or queries regarding Hospital Schooling, please contact me and I will do my best to steer you in the right direction!

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