



# 2024 Distance Education Portfolio

## November Report

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### Distance Education (DE) Canberra Wrap Up

“Whirlwind” is the word I would use to describe my week in Canberra. As this was my first delegation as part of the Federal Council team, it was truly awe-inspiring to be amongst people that are striving for the same educational outcome for our rural and remote children.

Key discussions held between Federal Council and the Department of Education (DoE) included:

- Distance education (DE) schools meeting their obligations for learning and well-being for all students. It was discussed at length that all schools, including DE schools, need to meet their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act.
- School Resource Standards (SRS) for our geographically isolated (GI) students, focusing on the location of the DE school and the location of the student.
- In Home Care to include a clause to provide the ability for the employment of a supervisor for school-aged children in the DE classroom. If you are in this situation, please send a case study (your story) to [Jill.Greenfield@icpafc.org.au](mailto:Jill.Greenfield@icpafc.org.au) as this will support our advocacy.

### Parliament House Meetings:

Our federal council group met with seven different Ministers at Parliament House. A costing review is being completed for an increase in the AIC-Distance Education allowance. This allowance assists families in setting up a classroom, ongoing costs associated with educating their child in a DE setting and attending vital face-to-face events for social interaction. Costings are also being completed for other AIC allowances which will support ICPA (Aust) in advocating for rural and remote families.