

## BOARDING SCHOOLS AND HOSTELS PORTFOLIO CONFERENCE REPORT – June 2022

The Boarding Schools and Hostels Portfolio has had another busy lobbying year with two motions at the 2021 Cunnamulla Conference and the ever-changing world of Covid-19 restrictions and policies for boarding schools that then directly affected so many of our families.

The had two motions passed at Cunnumalla were in relation to the lobbying for the establishment of more boarding facilities in regional centres along with hostels. ICPA QLD have raised the motions with the Department of Education, Minister for Education along with AgForce and LGAQ. The Department would like to note that currently there are vacancies at their state-run boarding facilities for families to access. It is noted that there are also Hostels located in regional areas for families to access.

ICPA QLD has been actively involved in ensuring that no rural and remote boarding student be overlooked or forgotten with the ever-changing world of covid-19 policies effecting boarding facilities in not only Queensland but also if Queensland students board interstate.

ICPA QLD wish to acknowledge and thank the Department of Education, Department of Health, Australian Boarding Schools Association (ABSA), Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ), Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) for their tireless work and also working with ICPA QLD for all of our students. An acknowledgement also to all of the Boarding Schools that our rural and remote students utilise in Queensland, thank you for keeping our children safe and able to enjoy a relatively uninterrupted educational year.

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