



# Queensland Children's Hospital School Hospital Schooling Advisory Council

State Conference Report 2023

## **Strategic Plan 2023–2026 (progress towards one statewide school)**

Extensive consultation has occurred with a range of stakeholder groups throughout 2022. The main goal for the new strategic plan will be to progress to be one statewide school for all hospital education programs by 2026.

**Virtual Hospital Education Program (VHEP)** - VHEP has seen an increase in student numbers, an increase in the breadth of its reach, and a refinement of systems and processes.

The program began in Term 4, 2021 with one online teacher servicing inpatients of the Prince Charles Hospital paediatric ward. By mid-2022 the program expanded to include students who are inpatients at the Mackay Base Hospital's children's ward, the Princess Alexandra Hospital, and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (except for inpatients of the adolescent mental health ward, who have a classroom program). In Term 4, 2022 a second full-time teacher was engaged. Some students have been identified who were discharged but recuperating at home for some time prior to re-engaging with their base school. These students are approved to join the service on a case-by-case basis.

**Jacaranda Place** -The Professional Learning Centre had more than 150 registrations from across the state for this year's Masterclass series. The Masterclass series not only provides information on how to support young people with a range of complex mental health challenges but allows individual participants to connect with one another to share best practices and strategies.

**Members Retiring** - David Lloyd retired as representative of P&C's QLD after 11 years of service to HSAC. Professor Pearn presented David with a school Tribute Medal for his contribution. Congratulations to Margaret Greenway (ICPA representative) on being awarded the Tribute Medal for recognition of her work on HSAC to promote opportunities for isolated students. When QCH School opened, the school commissioned two medals to be struck in recognition of outstanding achievement. The medals are the Doyle–Pearn Medal (named in honour of Sr Angela Mary Doyle from the Mater Hospital and Prof John Pearn from the Royal Children's Hospital) and the Tribute Medal. Each medal has a Latin inscription, and the Tribute Medal translation reads: The Tribute Medal is awarded for outstanding service, or support, for sick, injured or disabled children, particularly (but not necessarily exclusively) that promoting the development and support of child or adolescent education, this latter in its broadest context

**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 current recipient is Brooke Bath (Rockhampton) who will use this opportunity to observe like programs in Brisbane.

HSAC members and the Executive Principal attended the ICPA State Conference in 2022 and it is appreciated to have this representation here in Julia Creek. Please avail yourselves of the opportunity to speak with them at the Hospital Education Program stall. 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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