

Queensland Children's Hospital School
Hospital Schooling Advisory Council School Report 2022

The Hospital School Advisory Council (HSAC) started in 1997 and the first Chair was Ros Mitchell, representing ICPA. The HSAC is the community/parent/carer advisory council implemented to support students in all hospital education programs across Queensland.

These are as follows:

- Queensland Children's Hospital School (includes offsite campuses at Herston, Chermside, Woolloowin and Ipswich)
- Jacaranda Place (Queensland Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre)
- Regional hospital programs

Hospital education programs provide support to students from State, Catholic and Independent sectors. The HSAC's aim is to promote excellence in hospital teaching and learning through innovative and inclusive practices.

Membership of the Council is capped at 15 and comprises organisations/institutions that can provide advice and support to the school administration team regarding the governance and operations of the programs.

This school year was officially delayed across Queensland by two weeks due to COVID. The campuses remained open for supervision and there was a steady attendance across the state. Secondly, the floods and weather events in SEQ late February also impacted on schools in those areas.

Regional Deputy Principals continue to visit programs in SEQ and these visits will extend to those outside metropolitan areas. This is an integral part of the support for the regional programs.

The school review scheduled for early February was postponed until later in the year. The focus will be on all QCHS campuses with a secondary focus on the work in regional programs.

ICPA has been a part of the HSAC since its inception and a special connection has developed over this 25-year association. I would like to acknowledge the previous ICPA representatives on HSAC, who willingly travelled to Brisbane, participated by teleconference or video conference and brought their expertise, experience and advocacy to the Council. I am grateful to be part of the Hospital School Advisory Council and play my part in ICPA's contribution.

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