



Australian Secondary Principals Association

"Advocating for public secondary education"

ASPA COMMUNIQUE

The ASPA Board and Committee met in Canberra on Sunday and Monday 17th and 18th of June 2018.

The ASPA Board farewelled Janette Gee, ex-President of WASSEA as she enters retirement and welcomed Armando Giglia to the Board. Armando is the current WASSEA President.

My EA, Nicky Toumpas, commences maternity leave from Monday 16/7 – we all wish Nicky and Wil all the very best on the birth of their first child. The EA position will be very competently filled by Jodie Chapman while Nicky is on leave.

Welcome to Armando and Jodie.

Meeting with Minister Birmingham

Minister Birmingham met with the ASPA Committee on Monday 18 June. Topics discussed with the Minister were –

- How the Federal Government and ASPA can work together
- School Leader wellbeing
- Current and Future leaders – supply
- Teacher shortage, quality of graduates and the impact of rural and remote

The meeting was productive, and the Minister is keen to return to an ASPA meeting Adelaide in November.

ACT Director General visit

ASPA also had a meeting with Natalie Howson, ACT DG of Education. Natalie discussed the many challenges faced by schools and communities currently and emerging into the future.

Strategic Plan

The ASPA Board continued its work on the Strategic Plan. This will be finalised shortly in the form of an infographic and then distributed to stakeholders.

ASPA monograph

Work continues on the monograph prepared by Prof. Alan Reid. This document - Beyond Certainty: Towards a Process for Thinking about Futures for Australian Education is expected to be released in late July or early August.

Business Partners

The ASPA Board continues to develop the ASPA brand through productive partnerships with a range of business partners. This positions ASPA very well going forward. If the opportunity arises, please support our partners.

President Update

The President advised he has had meetings with the following organisations –

1. Beyond Blue – several meetings
2. The Smith Family
3. ACARA
4. AEU
5. QSPA Conference
6. Headspace
7. Tasmanian Principals Association Executive meeting

He has also had meetings with –

1. Scot Prasser – Simon Birmingham's office
2. Tanya Plibersek – Shadow Minister for Education and Training
3. Federal Department of Education
4. Minister for Education in Tasmania, Jeremy Rockliff and South Australia Chief Executive, Rick Persse

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