

Reference Group for Behaviour Support Initiatives
Meeting: Wednesday 5 November 2008

Chair: Assistant Director-General, Student Services (Department of Education, Training and the Arts).

Attendees: Assistant Director-General (Student Services) DETA, Director (Student Support Programs) DETA, Senior Advisor (Student Support Programs), A/Senior Advisor (Student Support Programs), Queensland Teachers Union, President of Queensland Association of State School Principals, Assistant Director-General (Education Queensland), Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union, Principal, Professional Development and Leadership Institute (DETA) President Association of Special Education Administrators, *Executive Director (Schools) Central Coast District Office, *President P to 10-12 School Administrators' Association, Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens Association, Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, Executive Director (Governance – DETA).

(*teleconference)

Meeting Opened: 2:10 pm

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies
ADG SS

Apologies: President Queensland Secondary Principals Association
Welcome to new attendees:

- CCYPCG
- Senior Advisor, Student Support Programs
- A/Senior Advisor, Student Support Programs

Agenda Item 2: Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting
Director (Student Support Programs)

- Approval of previous minutes
- Action 1 – Look at proactive measures to address increase in suspensions relating to violence. This will be addressed in Agenda item 5.
- Action 2 – Information re: Statewide action plan to be shared with reference group when Cabinet has provided response. This will be provided in agenda item 4.
- Action 3 - Additional breakdown of figures relating to early phase of learning. This will be addressed in agenda item 5.
- Action 4 - No further information at this stage. Human Resources are investigating this issue and will report to Student Support Programs on completion.

Agenda Item 3: Student Support Programs Update
Director (Student Support Programs)

- Update on the successful launch of the Every Day Counts Campaign.
- Data clearly indicates a strong correlation between school attendance and achievement.
- Initiative has been favourably received.
- Principals involved with the Believe Achieve Succeed (BAS) school improvement initiative were particularly positive towards the campaign.

Agenda Item 4: Statewide Behaviour Action Plan
ADG SS

- A copy of updated Statewide Behaviour Action Plan was distributed.

Actions:

- Report on NSW SWPBS evaluation to be distributed to all reference group members
- Increase communication with schools re SWPBS data improvements

Agenda Item 5: School Disciplinary Absence Data 2005-6, 2006-2007, 2007-2008
ADG SS

- Copies of School Disciplinary Absences data, by regions, were distributed.
- This data has been publicly released.

Agenda Item 6: Review of Responsible Behaviour Plans for Students

Director (Student Support Programs)

- Student Services currently reviewing RBP documentation.
- RBP's are required to be reviewed every three years. Those schools who have not completed a review have 2009 to review their RBP, for implementation in 2010.
- Student Services is seeking input from members of the Reference Group for Behaviour Support Initiatives, regional and district staff on RBP documentation.

Actions:

Members of the Reference Group for Behaviour Support Initiatives to email **Director (Student Support Programs)** or **ADG SS**

Agenda Item 7: Believe Achieve Succeed (BAS)

ADG SS

- A copy of the BAS brochure was distributed.
- ADG SS outlined the strategy's aims, focus areas, school eligibility and selection.

Agenda Item 8: Development of Bullying Support Materials

Director (Student Support Programs)

- Copies of draft Bullying information sheet were distributed.
- A fact sheet for parents is also in development.

Actions:

- Revised Fact Sheet to be tabled at the next meeting.

Other Business

- ADG SS conducted an open discussion on behaviour management strategies currently employed.

Actions:

- Regions to share at the next behaviour business meeting examples of best practice.

Agenda Item 9: Next Reference Group Meeting

Next meeting – Wednesday, 4 March 2009

2 – 4 pm

Venue: **Floor 7 Boardroom**, Education House