

## Queensland Drug Education Coordinators Committee (QDECC)

**Date/Time:** 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, 1:00pm

**Location:** Education Queensland, Floor 9, Education House, 30 Mary Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

**Attendees:** Manager, Teaching and Learning Branch Education Queensland (EQ), Drug and Alcohol Coordination, Executive Officer (Education) Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), Executive Officer (Education) Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), Manager Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Learning and Engagement Centre Education Queensland, Representative Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (QCPCA) Senior Policy Advisor Alcohol and Tobacco Other Drugs (ATOD) Branch Queensland Health, Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (QCPCA), A/Lead Project Officer Queensland School Drug Education Strategy (QSDES), Assistant Executive Officer Parents and Friends Federation, Queensland, Executive Director Drug Arm, Manager (Education Services) Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ),

**Apologies:** Principal St John Fisher College, Information and Training Officer Queensland Police Service (QPS) Executive Director Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ)

**Secretariat:** Administration Officer Queensland School Drug Education Strategy (QSDES)

### Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and noted apologies.

### Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The meeting accepted the minutes as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

### Agenda Item 3: Business Arising from Previous Minutes

All actions from previous meeting have been completed.

### Agenda Item 4: Update on Current Contracts

#### 4.1: 2004/05 – 2007/08 National School Drug Education Strategy (NSDES) / Drug Education Forums Project

- QSDES Lead Project Officer reported the following:
  - Residual funding from the NSDES 2004/05 – 2007/08 and the Drug Education Forums 2004/05 – 2007/08 contracts was used in a new project to give support to schools in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).
  - Final reports for these projects will be received by Education Queensland before 26 June 2009.
- Executive Officer – QCEC reported the following:
  - Funding went to the dioceses, individual schools, Religious Institutes and Catholic Systemic Schools.
  - A total of 49 Catholic Schools participated across Queensland.
  - Early feedback and evaluations state that the money received has been greatly appreciated and used effectively
- Manager, Education Services ISQ reported the following:
  - There are 12 projects currently being conducted.
  - There was a planning day in February which was a great success
  - The midpoint project reports are due 26 June.

- Final reports are due at the ISQ Student Wellbeing Forum on 22 & 23 October 2009 where the schools will present their final case studies.
- This is ISQ's 6<sup>th</sup> year of case studies with a minimum of 6 schools participating per year. They are concerned that the case studies may not be able to continue beyond 2009 with the changing funding structure.

**Action 4.1.1** Details of the ISQ Student Wellbeing Forum 22 & 23 October to be sent out to members

#### **4.2: 2008/09 Ecstasy and Related Drugs (ERDs) Breakfast Seminar Series**

- Executive Officer – QCEC reported the following:
  - There were eight seminars in total. One in August 2008 and the other seven throughout February and March 2009.
  - Although fewer than expected, a total of 254 teachers and school leaders attended the seminars.
  - Feedback confirmed the success of the seminars. The attendees expressed an interest in staying up-to-date with the latest information and the future activities of the presenter.
- Manager, Education Services ISQ reported the following:
  - Teachers and school leaders dealing with senior students were targeted.
  - The seminar specifically addressed information relating to ecstasy relevant to senior school students.
  - Paul Dillon presented all Queensland seminars.
- Discussion regarding the success of the day proceeded.

#### **4.3: 2008/09 Indigenous Rural and Remote Initiative (IRRI)**

- Manager, Education Services ISQ reported the following:
  - This contract supports students in remote areas.
  - Curriculum units in Drug Education for Year 7 students who will be moving into Year 8 next year and moving into boarding schools have been created.
  - In 2009 the units will be implemented in schools
  - If further funding is available in 2010, students will be tracked as they move into the boarding schools
  - There are 3 curriculum units which make up the *Helping Hands* project which address:
    - Resiliency
    - Alcohol; and
    - Cannabis and tobacco
- Discussion regarding other projects running in the area proceeded.

**Action 4.3.1** DEEWR PaCE Program information sheet to be sent to all members

#### **4.4: 2008/09 National School Drug Education Strategy**

- QSDS Lead Project Officer reported the following:
  - This contract is different to previous contracts. EQ & QCEC are working collaboratively however ISQ is conducting projects independently.
  - EQ/QCEC project is building on the level of interest in the workshops held in October 2007, a second round of *All REDI for the Early Years of Schooling* one-day workshops will be offered throughout Queensland in August and September 2009.
  - The facilitator training day will be held on 23 July.
  - Registrations for the workshops have now opened and registration forms are available on the website <http://education.qld.gov.au/health-safety/promotion/drug-education/bulletins/2009-redi-workshop.html>
  - 3 Key stakeholder forums are currently being planned and will be conducted in June 2009 with the Queensland Health Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) Prevention Officers.
  - They will be held in the ATOD regions, including Brisbane, Rockhampton and Cairns.

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- Will focus on ways to build on and enhance the existing arrangements and structures between the education sectors and local health promotion professionals. The forums will aim to build the capacity of school-based support and facilitate sharing of school-based programs and practices.
- Manager, Education Services ISQ reported the following:
  - Funding has been evenly allocated to:
    - a. Promote the Australian Government Resources
    - b. Enhance broader student wellbeing
  - Australian Government Resource “Keep in Touch” is to be used for counsellors to support students who are taking drugs and was distributed to all 3 sectors.
  - DVD will be produced
  - Three newly established Professional Learning Communities, Junior Heads, Deans of Students and Lutheran Schools, will present work at the ISQ Student Wellbeing Conference in October 2009

**Action 4.4.1** Circulate information on All REDI for the Early Years of Schooling Workshops to all members

**Action 4.4.2** Locate EQ copies of DEEWR “Keep in Touch” Resource

**Action 4.4.3** Circulate Update from NSDES National Meeting May 09 to all members

## Agenda Item 5: Other Business

### 5.1: Funding Structure

- Manager, Teaching & Learning Branch EQ:
  - There will be changes to the drug education funding structure.
  - Current Commonwealth funding expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. The availability of funding in the future is uncertain.
  - The Q2 agreement ensures that funding will be available to contribute to the healthy target which is to cut by one third smoking and heavy drinking.
  - QH has the primary responsibility for meeting the Q2 healthy target.
  - Discussion regarding Q2 proceeded

**Action 5.1.1:** Funding to be raised as an item in meetings with the Minister and Premier

**Action 5.1.2:** Circulate ANDC Open Forum open invite to all members

**Action 5.1.3:** Circulate Winter Schools Conference information to all members

## Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting

- 28 October 2009
- Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC)
- First Floor, 143 Edward Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

**Action 6.1** Administration Officer QSDS to advise group members of next meeting date

**Action 6.2** Administration Officer QSDS to organise venue booking and catering

**Meeting closed at:** 2:30 pm

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## Actions

A summary of actions is provided below

Ref	Actions	Responsible Officer	Due Date
4.1.1	Details of the ISQ Student Wellbeing Forum 22 & 23 October to be sent out to members	Manager Education Services ISQ	May 09
4.3.1	DEEWR PaCE Program information sheet to be sent to all members	A/Lead Project Officer QSDS	May 09
4.4.1	Circulate information on All REDI for the Early Years of Schooling Workshops to all members	A/Lead Project Officer QSDS	May 09
4.4.2	Locate EQ copies of DEEWR "Keep in Touch" Resource	Administration Officer QSDS/A/Lead Project Officer QSDS	May 09
4.4.3	Circulate Update from NSDES National Meeting May 09 to all members	A/Lead Project Officer QSDS	June 09
5.1.1	Funding to be raised as an item in meetings with the Minister and Premier	Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens Associations (QCPCA)	Ongoing
5.1.2	Circulate ANDC Open Forum open invite to all members	A/Lead Project Officer QSDS	May 09
5.1.3	Circulate Winter Schools Conference information to all members	A/Lead Project Officer QSDS	May 09
6.1	Advise group members of next meeting date	Administration Officer QSDS	August 09
6.2	Organise venue booking and catering	Administration Officer QSDS	August 09

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