The place to go for important issues and changes regarding Queensland education
Queensland Independent Schools Parents Network (QISPN)

Our Purpose
The Network provides a representative voice for the parents and carers of children attending independent schools and keeps them informed of key issues and changes in the schooling sector.

We do this by:
• providing input and feedback into education policy reviews, discussion papers and surveys
• attending meetings and forums hosted by Governments, education departments and peak educational bodies
• maintaining an easy-to-navigate website with the latest education issues, policy changes and useful school-related information and links

We also work closely with other representative parent groups to boost funding and improve outcomes for all students and schools in Queensland.

Our Network respects and reflects the diversity of the independent school sector and supports the right of every parent and carer to choose the best education for his or her child.

The Network is governed by a Board of Directors and is supported by the state’s peak organisation for independent schools, Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ).

Our Team
Executive Officer
Sue Kloeden is the inaugural Executive Officer of the Network.

Sue is an experienced educator whose passion for teaching and learning has been the cornerstone of her 33-year career in education. Prior to heading the Network, Sue was Executive Director for Lutheran Education Queensland – the peak body responsible for overseeing and supporting its 27 member schools and 58 early childhood services.

Sue has four children, all of whom were educated in independent schools, as well as two grandchildren who are continuing the family tradition.

“Establishing the identity of the Network as a respected contributor to the education sector in Queensland is my priority,” she said.

Reference Group
The Executive Officer is supported in her duties by a Reference Group.

The Reference Group considers current policy issues in the education sector, provides input into topical reviews and promotes parent engagement with the Network.

The Group is comprised of parents of children attending independent schools in city and regional locations and aims to represent the diversity of schools and views within the sector.

The Group attends regular teleconference meetings.

Membership of the Group is reviewed annually by the Network Board with nominations invited from parents in the second half of the year.
Get to Know the Network

If you don’t know a lot about the Network the easiest way to get to know us is to jump online and visit our website www.parentsnetwork.qld.edu.au or connect with us on Facebook.

The website is our primary communication platform and keeps parents and carers in touch with the latest education news and debates as well as topical policy issues or surveys open for public comment.

The website invites parents to:

- **Get Informed** about important issues and changes in Queensland education
- **Share What You Know** with other parents and the Network
- **Get Involved** by contributing your views to state and national education debates and surveys

The website also gives parents access to:

- the latest education news, research and policy changes
- a list of helpful state and national education websites in one location
- online search tools to help you find your nearest independent school and Local Member of Parliament
- important facts on independent schooling; and
- a calendar of upcoming major education milestones and events.

Join the Network

Stay in touch.

Take a few minutes to subscribe to the Network so that we can keep you informed about current education issues and changes as well as reviews and surveys seeking parent input.

You can also get all our latest news by liking us on Facebook www.facebook.com/QISParentsNetwork

Share the Network

Help us get the word out.

We invite you to link our website to your school, parent or education sector website and include it in your digital newsletters.

You can also share specific articles of interest with your sector, school or online parent groups through email, facebook, twitter or other social media channels.

Comment on the Network

We’d love to know what you think.

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