

President's Report 2018/19

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G'day Small School Leaders,

Hope you had a great year last year and took some time to relax over the summer period. We acknowledge all the hard work you do and your ongoing commitment to student achievement. We had a very busy year in 2018. We held an amazing conference with David Cropley, we met with many important educational figures who spent time at our meeting listening to our concerns, hearing about how successful we are and all the amazing things that happen in small schools. The Minister, CEO and other leaders such as Pam Kent, David Ensor and Gary Costello, to name a few, have all been a part of our meetings and heard about our achievements and areas of concerns. We would like to thank these people for their support and hope that we can continue to have open lines of communication.

Our work with the Department has led to our Summit taking place on the 11th of February. A big thank you to all those principals who took time out of their busy schedule to attend and put forward the great things they are doing and the issues that constrict school development.

We will discuss:

- Year 7s moving into High School
- Preschools amalgamating with schools when numbers are low
- Funding for facility improvement/maintenance/upgrade
- Department for Educations expectations on workload, principal teaching workload, partnerships, student free days, curriculum, innovation vs standardised testing and data.
- Communication
- Students with disabilities and new changes

We are lucky to have David Ensor and Nigel Huxtable (Director of Exterior Relations) attend to support the day. We will feedback to all members what transpires over the day.

This year we will be having our conference in term 2. Thursday the 30th and Friday the 31st of May (week 5) at the Lakes Hotel. Should be a great day and a half which includes dinner and lunch the next day. We are confident that the cost of the concert will be under \$200. Looking forward to seeing you there.

This year is set to be another busy one for us all. Another year of changes and modifications. Please let us know of your achievements and any areas you need support or clarity around. The team from SSASA are here to support you. We are also looking forward to heading to small school sites this year to see the amazing work you are doing. Please let SSASA know if you have some good news stories so we can continue to promote the excellent things that small schools do.

Wishing you a great year,

Wade Branford
President
Small Schools Association of South Australia