



## SCHOOLS REGISTRATION BOARD

### NEWSLETTER –

Greetings, principals, from the Schools Registration Board. I hope you have had a great start to the 2016 school year and things are now well settled for your school community.

I apologise for not getting this newsletter to you earlier. I have been anticipating some amendments to the Standards and the Minister has now determined these. While the SRB Handbook will be changed accordingly, the information below is brought to your specific attention – particularly important for those schools undertaking a renewal of registration review in 2016.

#### AMENDMENTS to Minister's STANDARDS

Specifically Standard 4.1 – the proposed curriculum - has been updated to reflect the progress in the Australian Curriculum with the endorsement by the Education Council on 18 September 2015 of the Australian Curriculum from Foundation to year 10 in eight learning areas.

Additionally the words “or equivalent” have been removed from the senior secondary description to eliminate any ambiguity in relation to what comprises a Senior Secondary curriculum.

A footnote has been added to the Board Instructions for Standard 4.10 - Grievance process - indicating the implementation of a school's grievance process may be inspected during the Review visit.

#### ECEC SERVICES

The Minister has also made a determination with regard to the approach the SRB should take when dealing with kindergartens in approved Education and Care Services should these providers wish to seek registration as a school. These providers are required to meet a rigorous regulatory arrangement within the ECEC National Quality Framework. This advice has been included in Section 4 of the SRB Handbook - Compliance with the Standards.

#### MEMBERSHIP of SRB

The Schools Registration Board's (SRB) role is to register, and to renew the registration of, non-government schools in Tasmania as outlined in the *Education Act 1994*. The Minister for Education appoints the Board members, and the current members are listed on the SRB website.

Ms Ann Roberts – a nominee representing teachers in non-Government schools – resigned from the Board during 2015 due to ill health. The Board would like to take this opportunity to

thank Ann for her contribution to the school reviews with which she was involved. Ann was replaced by Ms Jacqueline Conboy and the Board welcomes her to the role.

### RENEWAL of REGISTRATION REVIEWS

The SRB has a busy year ahead with 20 renewal of registration reviews scheduled. Schools assist the Board in this process in a range of ways including:

- Ensuring that the SRB has current contact details for the school and the governing body;
- By forwarding, at the nominated time, the school documentation in both hard and electronic copies;
- By advising if, at any time, a change at the school level is proposed, and by providing advice in writing from the governing body to the SRB within six months of the proposed change, as per Section 6 of the Education Regulations 2015. This latter requirement applies to significant changes only (see page 30 of the SRB Handbook).
- By implementing the requirements associated with each of the Standards for registration including, for example, the ongoing school based implementation of the Australian Curriculum and the development of a Work Health and Safety Action Plan as required by the recent legislative changes in this area.

Ideally a school due for a renewal of registration review should begin planning for this review as part of its ongoing review and development cycle. A review visit should not be seen as a stand-alone event, but rather as part of each school's quality assurance process. An upcoming review provides an opportunity to do a stocktake relating to the processes and operations across the school, with a view to improving, developing or updating existing systems.

The SRB Handbook provides explicit details of each of the Standards and Board Instructions.

The SRB Handbook, the forms associated with school reviews, and the current list of Tasmanian non-government schools are available from the SRB website [www.srb.tas.gov.au](http://www.srb.tas.gov.au)

Additionally the SRB Registrar, Ms Kerry Brown, is available at any time to offer advice by phone (6165 5713) or through email ([registrar@srb.tas.gov.au](mailto:registrar@srb.tas.gov.au)).

On behalf of all the SRB members I extend our best wishes to each of you for a productive and fulfilling year.

Regards

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