



Assisting Board Members to Understand Child Abuse

Boards and Councils of independent schools are responsible for ensuring that schools are child safe environments. As school boards supervise school executive staff and their management of risk, it is critical that they understand the legislative framework related to child protection and the dynamics of abuse so that they can support their executive staff in the development of protective strategies including policies and procedures, to ensure a culture of safety.

Assisting Board Members to Understand Child Abuse and Strategies to Minimise the Risk - Pilot Program



Board members are volunteers and generally not educators, therefore they are not exposed to the principles of child protection in their day to day work. However, it is important that board members understand the dynamics of child abuse when considering the risk management strategies that should be in place in their school and the resources that should be allocated towards proactive and reactive management of those risks.

Funded through the Australian Government's Non-Government Reform Support Fund and supporting the priorities outlined in the *Quality Schools Quality Outcomes* agenda, the AISNSW is conducting six half day courses during 2018. See over the page for details of dates and venues. Places are limited to 30 participants per session so early registration is recommended.

Governance Online Module - Child Protection Legislation



This self-paced online course provides an essential overview of the legislation in NSW that relates to child protection. As a board member you should have a clear understanding of the school's obligations in relation to protecting children, in particular reporting obligations. This online course will assist you to develop an understanding of the four key strands of legislation that relate to safeguarding of children in NSW.

Participation in these workshops will attract credit to satisfy NESA Registration and Accreditation Standards.

If you already have an AIS user profile, please login to the AIS website to **REGISTER** for these events. To establish an AIS user profile please go to **www.aisnsw.edu.au**. If you require assistance contact **Cecilia Waites**, Course Administrator at **cwaites@aisnsw.edu.au**.



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Six half-day courses will be offered across both metropolitan and regional New South Wales:

- 1) Saturday, 18 August 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm
AISNSW, Level 12, 99 York Street, SYDNEY
- 2) Saturday, 8 September 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm
The Armidale School, 87 Douglas Street, ARMIDALE
- 3) Saturday, 22 September 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm
Trinity Anglican College, 421 Elizabeth Mitchell Drive, THURGOONA
- 4) Saturday, 20 October 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm
AISNSW, Level 12, 99 York Street, SYDNEY
- 5) Saturday, 17 November 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm
AISNSW, Level 12, 99 York Street, SYDNEY
- 6) Saturday, 24 November 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm
The Scots School, 4173 O'Connell Road, BATHURST



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