

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN WHAT NESA DOES?

We regularly meet with all parent/carers groups seeking their views and ideas, and you can contribute via your sector's parent/carer organisation or your individual school's parent/carers committee. These groups include:

- NSW P&C Federation (government schools)
- NSW Parents' Council (independent schools)
- Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT (Catholic schools)
- Isolated Children's Parents Association NSW (ICPA)
- Department of Education
- Catholic Education Commission NSW
- Association of Independent Schools of NSW

HAVE A QUESTION FOR NESA?

We encourage you to subscribe to NESA News – our weekly e-newsletter about how we are supporting schools, teachers and students – and follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn. To find archives of the NESA News and to subscribe, go to About > News > Newsletters on our website.

You can also discuss the syllabuses, teacher accreditation and school registration with your school principal or teacher.

If you are interested in what we do or have a specific question please contact us.

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THE ROLE OF NESA
IN YOUR CHILD'S
EDUCATION

WHAT DO WE DO?

At the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) the education and wellbeing of students is at the heart of our work.

This work includes:

- developing the Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum, with a focus on early development of literacy and numeracy skills
- delivering the end-of-school external credential and exam – the NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) – and other state-wide tests such as NAPLAN
- registration of independent schools, the government and Catholic school sectors and home schooling
- accrediting teachers working in NSW schools and early childhood services
- accrediting teaching degrees.

NESA also represents NSW to the national educational bodies responsible for these key areas.

HOW DOES NESA FIT INTO THE NSW EDUCATION SYSTEM?

NESA works in partnership with all NSW schools, teachers, the community and parents/carers to drive improvements in student achievement and wellbeing.

We are an independent statutory authority reporting to an independent Board and the NSW Minister for Education. Each year the Minister sets out the priorities for the year ahead and we also have a Charter that governs our aims.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME AND MY FAMILY?

Quality teaching and quality schools

The quality of teaching your child receives is one of the most important factors in their success at school. We regularly check that all schools are meeting a broad range of standards covering child protection, safety and welfare, curriculum, teaching staff and governance.

We support and encourage teaching that inspires children, recognises diversity and improves student learning outcomes through excellence in teaching qualifications and professional development.

A world class curriculum

NESA consults with teachers, parents, students, academics and business to develop quality and engaging Kindergarten to Year 12 syllabuses to motivate

and challenge all students. Our curriculum is inclusive of the full range of learning needs of all students and the HSC supports students of all academic and creative abilities. This includes opportunities for high potential students and students pursuing elite sports and performance arts.

Students have access to a range of disability provisions so each student can participate in assessments and exams. There are also Life Skills courses and programs for students with additional learning needs

NESA also produces resources especially developed to help you support your child's learning. These are available on the NESA website: shop.nesa.nsw.edu.au

An internationally recognised credential

After 13 years of school most students sit for the internationally recognised HSC, which is written, marked and managed by NESA.

Other students choose to leave school for employment and training and can receive the Record of School Achievement.

Home schooling

NESA also monitors home schooling in NSW. To home school your child you need to meet the requirements for home schooling registration described on our website, in the Regulation section.

