



SAASSO Education Forum – Special Guest, Shadow Federal Education Minister, The Honourable Stephen Smith



SAASSO will hold its first education forum at the EDC centre on Wednesday August 22. Our special guest will be Stephen Smith, Shadow Federal Education Minister. In the run up to the federal election, Mr. Smith will outline his vision for education in Australia and engage in a Q&A session with parents and Governing Councillors on the future of education in South Australia.

The SAASSO Education Forum will be held at the Education Development Centre, Milner Street, Hindmarsh, from 6pm – 7:30pm, on Wednesday August 22.

To book call SAASSO on (08) 8223 2266 or email info@saasso.asn.au stating your name, school, position on Governing Council and a contact phone number.

Seats are strictly limited for this unique opportunity, so book early! ■

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SAASSO's Role

The South Australian Association of State School Organisations is the peak training, support and advisory body for state school governing councils and pre-school management committees.

SAASSO's Clients

Our clients are the affiliated schools and governing councils and pre-school management committees. SAASSO represents more than 90% of state primary and secondary schools.

SAASSO's Purpose

Our purpose is to support Governing Councils acquit their roles & responsibilities, to improve and enhance student well-being and achievement.

SAASSO's Services

Professional Development for Councillors:

The governance of a school is a demanding task, with numerous responsibilities. SAASSO provides a range of training courses, specifically designed to address the skill set required by Governing Councils.

- Governance – School & Pre-School

- School Budget – School & Pre-School
- Out of School Hours Care
- Canteen
- Meeting Procedures
- Aboriginal Participation
- Principal Selection Panel

Advisory Service:

Governing Councils are required to adhere to the Education Act, a constitution and the DECS Administrative Instructions & Guidelines. Pre-schools are bound by the Children's Services Act. The amount of information and legislation can be overwhelming. SAASSO provides, to its Affiliates:

- a repository of useful and required information on the SAASSO website
- up to date information, data and research via School Post
- a telephone advisory service for specific queries.

Representation:

Despite the recent advancements in local governance of schools, there is still much to be achieved. Through its staff and volunteer board, SAASSO represents Governing Councils on literally

dozens of committees, boards and research bodies to further enhance the quality of education and student well-being in South Australia.

Mediation & Lobbying:

As an independent, not for profit association, SAASSO can work for and on behalf of education and individual Governing Councils in issues with DECS, The Minister and the Federal Government, ensuring that the voice of parents and the needs of local communities are heard.

Grants:

SAASSO is directly involved in several financial education grants and provides expert advice on a range of financial assistance packages available to schools and students.

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