



## Teachers Registration Board

SAASSO recently made a submission to the state's Legislative Council, calling for an inquiry into the Teachers Registration Board. SAASSO has issues with the Board's composition, focus and operation, following the 2004 review of the Act, by the Rann Government.

As representatives of all South Australian public school parents - and as parents ourselves - we are deeply concerned about the functioning of the Teachers Registration Board, which is designated with the welfare of our children as its primary consideration.

The Teachers Registration Board is responsible for the licensing of ourstate's teachers and no person may teach in a South Australian classroom without being registered with the Board. It is the duty of the Board to ensure that only fit and proper persons are placed in our schools to teach our children.

Furthermore, it is the role of the Board to investigate and adjudicate teachers who are accused of acting in an inappropriate or unacceptable manner. Teachers found guilty of 'disgraceful or improper conduct' can be fined, suspended, dismissed and permanently de-registered from teaching. These penalties are separate from any criminal charges that may be laid by the police.

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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.

## SAASSO's Clients

Our clients are the affiliated schools and Governing Councils and pre-school management committees. SAASSO represents more than 90 per cent 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 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.

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