

**Special Education Committee Annual Report**

*September Council 2008 carried the following resolution:*

THAT each standing committee produce a report to November Council each year which reflects upon the committee’s success in achieving their work plan. This report will also include specific data on the number of meetings conducted and the attendance at each of these meetings.

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**Committee Membership**

Andrew Thompson (Committee Chair), Jeff Backen (Committee Secretary), Roselyne Anderson (retired July 2021), Gay Flynn (resigned August 2021), Lisa Hurrell, Kate Kermod, Steve Leese, Jenny McLeod, Lauren Quinn (from November 2020), Kellie Ryan, Dan Simmonds, Sarah Lockwood, Kellie Baldwin (from November 2020), Tracey Banks (from November 2020), Sheldon Boland (from November 2020), Karen Messitt (from November 2020), Brent Woollett (from November 2020)

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
10 March	13
26 May	13
27 August	10
17 November	

<b>Key Objectives for 2021</b>	<b>How was this objective being met in 2021</b>
Monitor and provide advice and recommendations to QTU Executive, State Council and officers in relation to developments in special education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee reported to Executive and/or monitored developments in relation to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SWD staffing model review</li> <li>- One School functionality</li> <li>- Nationally Consistent Data Collection for Students with Disability</li> <li>- Royal Commission</li> <li>- EAP/Verification</li> <li>- ICPs</li> <li>- EB 10 Log</li> <li>- Improvements to regional processes for schools requesting FTE additional allocations</li> <li>- QCIA timelines</li> <li>- Occupational violence</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For 2 of the 4 committee meetings the ADG, Inclusive Education attended for a part of the SEC Meeting and responded to issues and questions raised by committee members.</li> <li>• One committee member is also a member of QTU Executive.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leah Olsson has attended SEP Meetings in 2021 and is QTU senior officer with SWD/special education responsibilities</li> <li>• Special Education/SWD/Inclusive Education forms part of the State Council Executive Report A when there are issues that need to be reported on and/or considered by State Council.</li> </ul>
<p>Participation by Committee members in Departmental reference/working groups and committees relating to special education and report back to the QTU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny McLeod is a QASEL State Councillor.</li> <li>• Andrew Thompson is a QASEL Vice President, a member of the Management Committee of QASEL, a representative on the DoE/QTU Teacher Professional Issues Taskforce and a member of the QCAA ABLES Reference Group.</li> <li>• Jeff Backen represents the QTU on the QCAA ABLES Reference Group and is the QTU's nominee to the SWD resourcing review reference committee</li> </ul>
<p>Participation by Committee members in professional development relating to special education and report back to the QTU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Secretary attends QTU-QASEL liaison meetings and meets with the QASEL President on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Andrew Thompson is a member of the QTU Executive.</li> <li>• The committee considered no requests from SEC members to attend PD.</li> <li>• The Committee considered its composition in 2020 and recommended its membership be increased to 15 members. The new members to the committee attending their first meeting in 2021.</li> </ul>
<p>Continue to develop the Special Education "network"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email updates and newsletter sent as required.</li> <li>• HOSES Workload campaign Group continued in 2021.</li> </ul>
<p>Publicise Special Education issues and the work of the Committee through the QTU Journal and website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Queensland Teachers' Journal continued to highlight the work of the QTU around special education issues.</li> <li>• Website is updated as required.</li> </ul>
<p>Develop "fact sheets" and/or "position papers" and/or "policy" that provides information to members on working conditions and on QTU positions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEC in 2020 has conducted a review of existing policy and will finalised its review at the November 2020 SEC Meeting.</li> <li>• The QTU Special Education policy was endorsed at 2021 Conference.</li> <li>• The SEC and Executive noted an informal QTU position regarding the SWD resourcing review.</li> </ul>