



## Guide to Acronyms and Terminology for WESS School Council

WORD/ACRONYM	Definition
AAP	Age Appropriate Pedagogy - Ensuring the learning and assessing are engaging to the learner in regards to their age.
ACARA	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority – responsible for the development of national curriculum, administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia
ACER	Australian Council for Educational Research - An independent, not-for-profit research organisation established in Australia as a company limited by guarantee. Mission - to create and promote research-based knowledge, products and services that can be used to improve learning across the lifespan.
ACM	Asbestos Containing Material
AIP	Annual Implementation Plan – the school’s strategic focus for the next 12 months taken from the four year strategic school plan.
Adjustments	An education adjustment is something that the school does specifically to help your child access education.
ARD	Assistant Regional Director (in organisational hierarchy the principal’s supervisor)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder - Developmental disability affecting the three main areas of communication, reciprocal social interaction, and stereotyped or repetitive behaviours
BOR	Budget Overview Report
BM	Business Manager
C2C	Curriculum into the Classroom – Units and lessons developed by Education Queensland to be used as a resource in Qld State Schools.
CAI	Computer Aided Instruction
DG	Director General - Head of State Schooling and is directly accountable to the Minister of Education Supported by Deputy (DDG) and Assistant (ADG) Director Generals
Differentiation	Adjusting learning and assessing activities to meet the learners’ needs
DPF	Developing Performance Framework
DOE	Department of Education (formerly known as DET)
EQ	Education Queensland
EALD	English as an Additional Language/Dialect replaces ESL - English as a Second Language Identifies students who need support in their learning as they do not speak English as their primary language
Fixed Mindset	“In a fixed mindset students believe their basic abilities, their intelligence, their talents, are just fixed traits.” Carol Dweck Opposite of Growth Mindset
GO	Guidance Officer - qualifications in guidance and counselling or psychology and works within the school setting with students, families, and teachers to enhance the educational opportunities for children.
Gonski Report	A <u>visioning</u> paper for education in the future developed by David Gonski - an Australian public figure and businessman.

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Growth Mindset	<p>"In a growth mindset students understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, good teaching and persistence. They don't necessarily think everyone's the same or anyone can be Einstein, but they believe everyone can get smarter if they work at it." Carol Dweck</p> <p>Opposite of Fixed Mindset</p>
HASS	Humanities and Social Sciences subject – encompassing History, Geography, Citizenship
HOC	<p>Head of Curriculum - teacher leader who assists in leading, coordinating the maintenance, review and implementation of curriculum frameworks, pedagogy, programs and assessment and reporting</p> <p>**At WESS we have a Head of Teaching and Learning and a Deputy: Curriculum</p>
HPE	Health and Physical Education
I4S	<p>State schools funding to support students to achieve improved outcomes at all levels of schooling. All Queensland state schools enter into an agreement that details how I4S funding will be used to improve student outcomes.</p> <p>Independent Public Schools establish their 2018 I4S agreement with their school councils. All other state schools enter into an I4S agreement with the department.</p> <p>Schools publish their I4S agreements on their websites so communities can see how I4S is being used.</p> <p>Student performance is measured throughout the year and schools communicate how I4S funding is helping to improve outcomes for students to their local communities.</p> <p>Schools report each year on the success of their school improvement initiatives</p>
ICAS	International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - independent diagnostic assessments with a competition element developed annually for primary and secondary school students
ICP	Individual Curriculum Plan – see IEP or ILP
ICSEA	Index of Community Education Advantage - is a scale which allows for fair and reasonable comparisons among schools with similar students.
ICT	Information and Communications Technology - term used to describe the use and integration of digital information systems and technologies. It is not a subject on its own – the aim is to embed it in the curriculum and learning
IEP	Individual Education Plan - plan developed with all stakeholders containing priority goals, implementation strategies and assessments for the child
ILP	Individual Learning Plan - developed for a student who requires curriculum at a level higher or lower than his or her year-level for some or all of the learning areas. Includes any supports or strategies already provided to the student, the year-level curriculum provided, areas requiring focused teaching and any additional or other support provided or required.
IMA	Irregular Maritime Arrival - person arriving to Australia on a non-scheduled boat service.
IMP	Individual Management Plan
LETeam	Learning Enhancement Team -
LOTE	Languages Other Than English
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
OSHC	Outside School Hours Care
OT	Occupational Therapist - helps people to improve their ability to do everyday tasks
P&C	Parents and Citizens Association

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PD	Professional Development
PLH	Professional Learning Hub
Pedagogy	The method and practice of teaching which informs teaching strategies, teacher actions, and teacher judgments and decisions by taking into consideration <a href="#">theories of learning</a> , understandings of students and their needs, and the backgrounds and interests of individual students. <i>Greek for "to lead a child"</i>
QCAA	Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (replaced QSA) - provides a range of educational services to Queensland schools and the community including developing and revising syllabuses and guidelines
QCT	Queensland College of Teachers ( ALL teachers must be registered with QCT to teach in Queensland – formerly known as the Teachers Registration Board)
QELI	The Queensland Education Leadership Institute (QELi) was established in 2010 and works across the Queensland Government, Independent and Catholic school sectors delivering professional learning
QSA	Queensland Studies Authority (Replaced by QCAA)
QSR	Quadrennial School Review – scheduled every four years and is used to help the school form its four year strategic plan. Usually undertaken by or with the support of the SIU School Improvement Unit
RBP	Responsible Behaviour Plan
RD	Regional Director
RTI	Right to information - Legislation which outlines the information that school have to share in the public domain.
SFD	Student Free Day - also known as Pupil Free Day (PFD) - Staff attend professional learning opportunities at school, but no students are at school on the day.
SLP	Speech Language Therapy
SPRRF	School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting Framework - outlines the requirements for Queensland state schools to implement state and national reforms, and to meet the objectives of the DOE Strategic Plan
STEM	Science Technology Engineering Maths
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STLaN	Support Teacher Learning and Numeracy – teacher/s in the school who focus on supporting teachers to differentiate
SIU	School Improvement Unit
SWD	Students With a Disability
VHA	Very High Achievement