

Information sessions

Information sessions provided by SAASPC are free of charge to parents and volunteers in government preschools and schools.

The sessions are all delivered by our trained and experienced parent volunteers.

The Minister for Education provides an annual grant to cover the travel and other expenses of presenters and the cost of the materials which are provided for those attending.

If you would like us to present any of the listed sessions, please contact us with two or three preferred dates and times as we will always work with a preschool or school to meet the needs of your parents.

South Australian Association of School Parent Communities (SAASPC)

- promotes and develops the interest of parents in the education and general wellbeing of children at preschool and school
- develops and maintains contact with parent groups throughout the state
- acts as an advocate for parents on educational matters
- supports parents with information on parent group organisation and meeting procedure; the rights and responsibilities of parents in preschools and schools; the regulations, policies and programs of the SA Department for Education
- offers free information sessions to parents on *Reporting abuse and neglect* and *Principal/Director selection panel*



More information can be found at
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SAASPC's information sessions for parents



Parent groups and clubs

We can provide formal information sessions to a group of parents or informal information to an individual or a few parents on any topic about parent groups/clubs including

- what is a parent group?
- how a parent group can operate
- how to conduct meetings and good practice
- role of officers
- financial operation of a parent group
- role of parent group representative on school/governing council and budget committee
- developing a constitution which is a requirement for all affiliated committees (which includes parent groups).



Responding to abuse and neglect

(formerly known as mandatory notification)

Every child has a right to be safe from harm at all times. The well being and best interests of children are the responsibility of the entire community. All people volunteering in schools and preschools have responsibilities in reporting abuse and neglect. Dept for Education schools and preschools have a responsibility to ensure that their volunteers know about those responsibilities.

In this session you will find out about your responsibilities as a volunteer, what child abuse is, how to recognise it, what to do and how our schools expect adults to behave around children

The session will take approximately two hours.

To hold a session or to obtain further information contact the SAASPC office tel 8272 4640 freecall 1800 724 640 email info@saaspc.org.au.

Please note – it does not meet Dept for Education employment criteria



Merit selection panels for principal and director positions

When a vacancy occurs in the position of principal or preschool director the governing council or management committee nominates a parent to be on the selection panel. It is vital that the parent taking on this role understands and is comfortable with the process. This session is run in particular for those nominees but it will provide members of the wider school community with the opportunity to understand the appointment process.

You will learn about the processes which will occur and the roles and responsibilities of the parent nominee on the selection panel.

The session will take approximately three hours.

To receive information about dates and venues contact the SAASPC office tel 82724640 freecall 1800 724 640 email info@saaspc.org.au.

