

SAPPA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2026 – 2027

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Strengthening Band B Leadership Roles and Sustainability

WHY THIS MATTERS

Band B leaders play a critical role in primary schools and are a significant part of our membership base. This newly formed priority group will provide an avenue for support and advocacy to manage the broad and complex work expectations of Band B leaders.

SAPPA'S ROLE

SAPPA will represent the professional perspectives of Band B leaders and advocate for clearer role design and sustainable system settings. Where matters intersect with industrial settings, SAPPA works alongside the Department, the Minister and the AEU to ensure Band B leadership perspectives are understood.

WHAT SAPPA WILL DO

- Consult with Band B leaders to understand role pressures and sustainability risks
- Develop clear, evidence-informed position statements
- Advocate with system decision-makers on role clarity and leadership sustainability
- Support professional connection and leadership confidence among Band B leaders

PRIORITY 2 Gail Evans, Julie Murphy, Julie Raggett, Ngari Boehm

Influencing System Reform

FOCUS AREAS

- Inclusive education and support settings
- Early childhood and preschool reform
- Curriculum change affecting primary schools
- Constructive engagement with system leaders and clear communication to members

WHY THIS MATTERS

System reforms often land most heavily in primary schools. Primary perspectives are paramount to ensure reforms work in practice.

SAPPA'S ROLE

SAPPA will

- Ensure primary school perspectives are visible and credible in policy development and reform
- Engage members to inform positions and actions
- Advocate on behalf of members

PRIORITY 3 Luke Kenny, Kristian Mundy, David Pitt, Tyson Grinham

Advocating for Realistic Resourcing, Workload and Leadership Density

WHY THIS MATTERS

Primary leaders are carrying increasing workload without consistent access to administrative and leadership support. System settings must better align expectations, resourcing and leadership capacity.

SAPPA'S ROLE

SAPPA will advocate for system settings that better align expectations, resourcing and leadership capacity in primary schools, using evidence and member voice to highlight pressures.

WHAT SAPPA WILL DO

- Use evidence and member voice to highlight workload pressures
- Advocate for leadership density and administrative support
- Engage in system conversations on resourcing and workforce design

PRIORITY 4 Briony Ackland, Iain Elliott, Rachel McLennan, Adam Wilson

Strengthening Connection, Wellbeing and Leadership Capability

WHY THIS MATTERS

Leadership sustainability depends on connection, confidence and capability, particularly for new, isolated and regional leaders. Professional support and networks are essential.

SAPPA'S ROLE

SAPPA will provide connection and professional support that complements system provision, with particular focus on supporting new and regional leaders.

WHAT SAPPA WILL DO

- Strengthen regional and metro leadership networks
- Enhance opportunities for peer connection and mentoring
- Maintain a visible focus on leader wellbeing
- Contribute to leadership capability conversations

SAPPA is not a bargaining agent and does not negotiate pay or conditions

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