

# Official Statement No. 18, 27 July 2023

## School Policy and Funding Advisory Council

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### Payroll tax

The School Policy and Funding Advisory Council (Council) was provided with an update on the implementation of the proposed *Payroll Tax Act 2007* amendments that will affect some non-government schools from 1 July 2024.

Independent Schools Victoria and Catholic Education Commission of Victoria remain opposed to the implementation of these changes and remain concerned that the changes were announced without prior consultation.

### Artificial intelligence

Council heard that generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly developing, posing challenges and opportunities for students and teachers. It noted that the draft Australian Framework for Generative AI in Schools released in July 2023 for consultation.

It also heard that the Department of Education is developing practical guidance for schools which will be reviewed by the Victorian cross-sectoral Community of Practice on generative AI prior to publication for schools.

### School workforce challenges

Council was provided with an update on the Council on the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan to support teacher attraction and retention.

Council noted the shared concern regarding principal workloads.

### Senior Secondary Pathways Reform Taskforce

Council heard an update on the Victorian Government's Senior Secondary Pathways Reform activities.

### Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership

The Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership (the Academy) presented an update on the Academy's programs.

The role of the Academy in promoting the voice of the teaching profession was discussed.

### Commonwealth-State update

Council was provided with an update on Commonwealth-State matters, including matters considered at the Education Ministers Meeting on 6 July 2023.

## About

Established in 2015, the Council provides advice to the Minister for Education on regulatory, policy and funding issues that affect public and non-government schools.

Council meets 3 times each year and Official Statements are shared after each meeting. The department provides secretariat support to the Council. Previous statements can be found online on the department's website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-policy-and-funding-advisory-council>

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