

## What does it mean? Acronyms and Terminology for School Council

WORD/ACRONYM	Definition
AAP	<b>Age Appropriate Pedagogy</b>  Ensuring the learning and assessing are engaging to the learner in regards to their age.
ACARA	<b>Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority</b> – responsible for the development of national curriculum, administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia
ACER	<b>Australian Council for Educational Research -</b>  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.  ROA – Record of Adjustment (official record to show adjustments)  TTP – Targeted Teaching Plan – what Samford now calls our Adjustment plans or ROAs
ARD	Assistant Regional Director. (in organisational heirachy the principal’s supervisor)
ASD	<b>Autism Spectrum Disorder</b>  Developmental disability affecting the three main areas of communication, reciprocal social interaction, and stereotyped or repetitive behaviours
BOR	Budget Overview Report
BSM	Business Services Manager (Nunzi)
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
DET	Department of Education and Training
DG	Director General. Head of the State Schooling who is directly accountable to the Minister of Education.
Differentiation	Adjusting learning and assessing activities to meet the learners' needs
DISC	Digital Innovation Student Centre. Technology hub for the school.
DPF	Developing Performance Framework.
EQ	Education Queensland  The division of the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) responsible for providing state education.
ESL  EALD	<b>English as a Second Language (old)</b>  <b>English as an Additional Language/Dialect (new)</b>  Identifying 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 (in our school Damien Cole)  A teacher with qualifications in guidance and counselling or psychology who works within the school setting with students, families, and teachers to enhance the educational opportunities for children.
Gonski	
GRG	Great Results Guarantee.  LNP approach to implementing the Gonski money from Federal government. Now called Investing for Schools (I4S). Each school has to come up with a plan to use this money to improve student outcomes. In our school, the School Council signs off on this.
Growth Mindset	"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

	Opposite of Fixed Mindset
HASS	Humanities and Social Sciences Encompasses – History, Geography, Citizenship
HOC	Head of Curriculum  A teacher who assists in leading, coordinating the maintenance, review and implementation of curriculum frameworks, pedagogy, programs and assessment and reporting
HOSE	<b>Head of Special Education Services:</b>  The teacher in charge of a special education program in a school.
HPE	Health and Physical Education
I4S	Labor’s approach to implementing the Gonski money from Federal government. Used to be called GRG. Each school has to come up with a plan to use this money to improve student outcomes. In our school, the School Council signs off on this.
ICAS	
ICP	Individual Curriculum Plan – see IEP or ILP
ICSEA	
ICT	Information and Communications Technology  A term used to describe the use and integration of digital information systems and technologies. May also be called ICLT (Information, Communication and Learning Technologies).  It is not a subject on its own – the aim is to embed it in the curriculum and learning
IEP	An <b>individual education plan</b> developed with parents and specialist staff (special educators, therapists) containing priority goals, implementation strategies and assessments for the child.
ILP	<b>Individual Learning Plan</b>  An individual learning plan for six months 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. A person arriving to Australia on a non scheduled boat service.

	Often, incorrectly referred to as ‘boat people’.
IMP	Individual Management Plan. Behaviour plan for students with specific learning needs.
LOTE	Language Other Than English
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
OSHC	Outside School Hours Care
OT	Occupational Therapist Profession who helps people to improve their ability to do everyday tasks
P&C	Parents and Citizens Association
Pedagogy	the method and practice of teaching  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  Greek for “to lead a child”
<b>Percentile</b>	
QCAA	Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (replaced QSA)
QCT	Queensland College of Teachers (teachers must be registered with QCT to teach in Queensland – old Teachers Registration Board)
QELI	The <b>Queensland Education Leadership Institute (QELi)</b> was established in 2010 and works across the Queensland Government, Independent and Catholic school sectors.
QSA	Queensland Studies Authority (Replaced by QCAA)
QSR	Quadrennial School Review – it is 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.
<b>Quartiles</b>	
RBP	<b>Responsible Behaviour Plan</b>
RTI	Right to information. Legislation that outlines the information that school have to share in the public domain.
<b>SAM</b>	
SEP	Special Education Program - Teachers/ teacher aides and resources specifically to support children with special learning needs. (Funded through children with “verified” learning needs – but supports all children in the school.

SFD	<p>Student Free Day. Also known as Pupil Free Day.</p> <p>Teachers attend training at school, but no students are at school on the day.</p>
SLP	Speech Language Therapy
SOSE	Studies of Society and Environment
SPRRF	<p>Features of the <b>School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting Framework</b> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• alignment with the initiatives of the Council of Australian Governments, the National Education Agreement</li> <li>• key strategies, priorities and performance measures which align with the department's Strategic Plan</li> <li>• participation by all state schools in a quadrennial review process</li> <li>• development of a four year plan</li> <li>• annual review by schools to maintain currency of their four year plan</li> <li>• development of an annual implementation plan describing the actions to address the key priorities for the year</li> <li>• obligations for schools relating to reporting and accountability.</li> </ul>
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STEM STEAM	<p><b>A focus on improving students' performance, developing teachers' knowledge and capacity, and encouraging participation in</b></p> <p>Science Technology Engineering Maths</p> <p>Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths</p>
STLaN	<p>Support Teacher Learning and Numeracy</p> <p>(Teacher in the school who focuses on supporting teachers to help children who struggle in English – (particularly reading and writing) and Maths (particularly number)</p>
SIU	School Improvement Unit (Through Ed QLD to review schools)
SWD	Students with a disability
TLA	The Teaching and Learning Audit - usually conducted by the SIU School Improvement Unit – it informs the Quadrennial School Review to help the school make a plan for the next four years.
VHA	Very High Achievement