



Dear ACSI Family!

Please see the latest edition of From The Director's Desk

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Dear Principals

SACE Registration

A few months ago, one of our school leaders had a very unpleasant experience, after a SACE disciplinary enquiry was instituted against the school. This was as a result of teachers being employed by the school who were not registered with SACE. There appears to be a concerted recent drive by SACE to ensure compliance with Section 21 of the South African Council for Educators Act, 2000, which requires that every educator in South Africa must register with the Council before appointment to a teaching post, and no person may be employed as an educator by a school unless that person is registered with the Council.

We urge you to ensure that teachers at your school are registered with SACE, in order to avoid potential disciplinary procedures being instituted against your school by SACE. In addition, should you have interns at your school who are still studying, they should apply for provisional registration. See the ACSI SACE Management and Registration Guideline document below, which will help to guide you through the process.

An additional mandate that SACE has is to ensure the professional growth of teachers. A programme of professional development, through which teachers earn CPTD points, has been developed by SACE, as outlined in the 'CPTD Points' document below. ACSI has a number of SACE accredited courses, so we urge you to consider how you might add these to the professional development programme at your school. Please feel free to contact mpho_thwala@acsi.org should you have any SACE-related questions.

SACE Resources

- SACE Management and Registration Guideline – [Click here](#) to view.
- CPTD Points – [Click here](#) to view.

POLICIES

As part of our ongoing policy support to schools, we continue to improve and update the policies on our website. **Eight** policies have been updated on the website since the last update notice.

- General, School Policies: Transportation of Learners Policy 2024 – [Click here](#) to view.
- General, Gender and Identity: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Guideline 2023 – [Click here](#) to view.
- General, Gender and Identity: Guiding Principles Biblical Sexuality – [Click here](#) to view.
- General, Gender and Identity: Human Sexuality Statement – [Click here](#) to view.

- Personnel, Staff Conduct: SACE Management and Registration Guideline – [Click here](#) to view.
- Sport and School Activities: Parent Involvement in Sport for Young Players 2024 – [Click here](#) to view.
- Sport and School Activities: General Sport Policy 2024 – [Click here](#) to view.
- Teaching and Learning: Learner Support Policy 2024 – [Click here](#) to view.

NEW SERVICE PROVIDER

Booktalk, the Sora reading app

The Sora app allows you to have a library in your pocket! Booktalk was formed in 1992, with the initial focus on supplying libraries with audiobooks, educational videos, books, and large-print format books. It then evolved to include the fast-growing end-user use of technology through e-books. One of their products is a student reading application called Sora. [Click here](#) to watch the podcast and for more information.

RESOURCES

Ignite

[Click here](#) if you have not yet read the latest edition of our new e-publication.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Events in April:

- **KZN Central Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 20th April 2024. [Click here](#) to register by close of business 12th April 2024.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Prayer Hour**, Tuesday, 23rd April 2024. More information to follow.

Events in May:

- **Limpopo Principal Meeting**, Wednesday, 8th May 2024. [Click here](#) to register by close of business 2nd May 2024.
- **Limpopo Teacher Conference**, Saturday, 11 May 2024. [Click here](#) to register by close of business 3rd May 2024.
- **National Principal Conference, *Encouraging Faith***, 30th May – 1st June 2024. Contact nicole_thomas@acsi.org with any questions.

“And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19

God Bless

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