

# Australian Guidance and Counselling Association Ltd

## Provides for:

- ❑ Advocacy and support for the profession
- ❑ Professional leadership
- ❑ Training and professional development
- ❑ Representation of the profession's interests to employing organisations
- ❑ Local, national and international networks
- ❑ Promotion of research
- ❑ Innovative and exemplary practice



## Who can join...

Most members of the Australian Guidance and Counselling Association are School Psychologists, Guidance Officers and Counsellors working in schools and tertiary institutions. Membership is open to individuals working within the Government, non-Government and Independent education sectors and to tertiary students. Other requirements vary from state to state, and the following membership categories are typically available:

- ❑ Ordinary Membership: A person who is eligible to work as a School Psychologist, Guidance Officer or School Counsellor in his/her state or territory
- ❑ Associate or Provisional Membership: A person who is ineligible for Ordinary Membership

## Membership inquiries

May be directed to your state/territory Membership Secretary, who can be identified via the AGCA website: **[www.agca.com.au](http://www.agca.com.au)**  
or to the AGCA Membership Secretary,  
Ms Coosje Griffiths on  
email: **[coosje.griffiths@det.wa.edu.au](mailto:coosje.griffiths@det.wa.edu.au)**  
or telephone: **08 9442 6666**

# AGCA

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## Membership Brochure

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## The AGCA...

- ❑ Is the national professional association for School Psychologists, Guidance Officers and Counsellors working in educational settings
- ❑ Directly supports and advocates for the interests of school psychology, guidance and counselling in each state and territory of Australia

## It also...

- ❑ Provides a Code of Ethics
- ❑ Provides high quality resources via the website, [www.agca.com.au](http://www.agca.com.au)
- ❑ Is linked to state and territory associations that represent the interests of School Psychologists, Guidance Officers and School Counsellors
- ❑ Is guided by an Executive Committee that includes representation from each state and territory
- ❑ Is affiliated with the International School Psychology Association (ISPA) and associated with the Canadian Counselling Association

## AGCA membership provides...

- ❑ Access to the Australian Journal of Guidance and Counselling, published twice each year and of direct relevance to the work of School Psychologists, Guidance Officers and School Counsellors
- ❑ An informative newsletter that includes articles of interest, information about relevant resources, websites, professional development opportunities, book reviews and other information
- ❑ Advance notice of the Association's biennial conference and other professional development opportunities
- ❑ Discounted rates for the national conference and other professional development
- ❑ Participation in national and local projects that aim to promote best practice for students, eg MindMatters Plus
- ❑ Representation of the interests of School Psychologists, Guidance Officers and School Counsellors to employing organisations
- ❑ Opportunities to develop collegial relationships with your professional peers locally, nationally and internationally

## AGCA Achievements

- ❑ Membership of over 1200, representing all Australian states and territories
- ❑ Organising biennial AGCA Conferences
- ❑ Managing the ISPA Colloquium 1997 in Melbourne
- ❑ Providing high-quality presenters at ISPA Colloquia
- ❑ Arranging national tours of eminent professionals in the fields of education, guidance and counselling
- ❑ Partnering with other organisations to mount conferences (eg International Association for Counselling)
- ❑ Supporting the development of the Georgian School Psychologists' Association 2003-04
- ❑ Developing the Teaching Prosocial Behaviour to Adolescents project
- ❑ Managing the MindMatters Plus project and developing associated resources
- ❑ Developing strategic partnerships to maximise the outcomes of projects
- ❑ Publishing the high-quality Australian Journal of Guidance and Counselling and AGCA Newsletter