TO: DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPALS FROM SITES WITH R-10 ENROLMENTS

RE: SACSA ACHIEVEMENT SYSTEM SOFTWARE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

In 2007 all schools need to select at least one Learning Area of particular interest to their local priorities and formally record SACSA Standards and outcomes data as part of the Moving Forward with SACSA Strategy. (See Information for Site Leaders and Communities, Infoconnect, 30/11/06)

The SACSA Achievement System (SAS) software can be used as a tool to both record and analyse student achievement of the SACSA Standards and outcomes. SAS is web enabled and will be accessible though the DECS IT Application Portal being entirely web based. It requires no setup and ongoing technical support.

SACSA outcomes data collected through SAS will be used locally with available backdrop data to inform site learning improvement plans. Using the unique student identifier and centralised school EDSAS data, SAS enables recorded SACSA student achievement to seamlessly move with the child between classes and sites over their life at school.

SAS was initially tested in 8 Data for Learning schools in Term 4 2006 and will be further trialled, through invitation, in Term 1 2007, by 36 schools. These schools will come from each district and have been previously involved in recording SACSA outcomes achievement as part of the Data For Learning Project/Moving Forward with SACSA Innovation Strategy in 2007. The Term 1 trial will ensure that the software meets the needs of schools in terms of useability and speed of access.

From Term 2 2007 schools are invited to use SAS with staggered implementation during each term to ensure a successful rollout. If your school intends to use SAS in the next 12 months, please fill in the attached Expression of Interest Form and fax back to Andrew Wells on 8359 3001.

I will be providing further updates of the SAS software rollout during 2007. If you have any further queries please contact Andrew Wells, PPO Standards and Accountability, wells.andrew@sa.gov.au or phone 8226 1098.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Petherick
A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PRIMARY MIDDLE and SENIOR SECONDARY SERVICES

Date 18/01/2007
SACSA ACHIEVEMENT SYSTEM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please fill out and fax back to
Andrew Wells - OPMSSS
Fax 8359 3001

_________________________ School is interested in being involved in the SAS rollout and would like to access the software beginning:

2007
Term 2  □
Term 3  □
Term 4  □

Use a 1, 2 and 3 to indicate preference with 1 being the most preferred start term. We will endeavour to give schools their first preference but will need to balance this with the demands on DECS IT staff to manage teacher usernames.

2008
Term 1  □
Terms 2 - 4  □

SAS school contact/School SAS Administrator*

Name: _______________________

Email: _______________________(all subsequent communication will occur via this email address)

Principal: _______________________(principals will also receive CCs of all relevant emails)

Email: _______________________

*Please note the SAS School administrator will not be required to install SAS nor manage teacher usernames because SAS is web based and usernames are administered through the DECS Customer Support Centre. The SAS school administrator’s role is to facilitate any communication around SAS and modify SAS for site preferences, if required. (The SAS administrator will also have access to all classes/students as does the school principal).

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