



Section One

NT Council of Government School Organisations

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About NT COGSO

ABOUT US

The Northern Territory Council of Government School Organisations Inc. (NT COGSO) is the peak parent body in public education throughout the Northern Territory. We represent and provide services to Government Schools and their School Representative Bodies at Territory and Federal level. NT COGSO influences the direction of public education for the benefit of our students.

WHO WE ARE

NT COGSO is a large volunteer organisation which includes a representative from each educational region in the Northern Territory. Regional Representatives attend four weekend Executive meetings each year, where they discuss issues relevant to parents and students in public education.

The governing authority of NT COGSO is the NT Full Council comprising of all affiliated schools. An NT Full Council Conference is held annually in Semester 2 where regional and school representatives discuss and determine direction and policies for the organisation.

EXECUTIVE

The management of the NT Full Council is vested in the Executive, which has power to do all things necessary to achieve the objectives of the Council.

The Executive consists of:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- One (1) representative from each educational region

The Executive may invite an additional three (3) persons who the Executive considers to have special qualifications, knowledge or experience which will be able to assist the Executive in the exercise and performance of its functions by giving of information or advice, to be a member of Executive.

MANAGEMENT

Our office is based in Darwin and comprises of an Executive Officer, an Executive Assistant and Governance, Mentoring and Training Officers.

Executive Officer

Our Executive Officer is responsible for the implementation and achievement of NT COGSO's Strategic Plan, managing staff, and physical and financial assets of the organisation. The Executive Officer also has charge of the overall direction of corporate planning, budget activities and external relations.

Executive Assistant

Our Executive Assistant provides liaison, coordination and organisational tasks in support of the Executive Officer. This position is also responsible through the Executive Officer, to the President and Executive for the provision of effective and efficient administrative support to the organisation.

Governance, Mentoring and Training Officers (GMTO's)

GMTO's deliver flexible, high quality mentoring & training on parent engagement and governance throughout the Northern Territory. Their role educates members and potential members in the area of governance requirements under a relevant legislation, guidelines & policies.

MISSION

NT COGSO's mission is to encourage continual improvement in the provision of quality education outcomes for all students in public education.

To support this mission, we actively work towards the advancement of public education by encouraging the fullest co-operation and engagement between home and school, education authorities, the Northern Territory government and key stakeholders.

VISION

NT COGSO's vision is to continuously improve our position as the peak Parent/School Representative Body in the Northern Territory.

Our focus is contemporary educational and social issues through the defined strengths of our volunteer membership. We seek to make a significant contribution to the support of young people and their parents by being actively engaged in the public education system.

BASIS FOR AUTHORITY

The NT Council of Government School Organisations (NT COGSO) is bound by our Constitution in line with the Northern Territory Associations Act.

NT COGSO has all of the usual obligations associated with an incorporated association.



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NT COGSO Organisational Chart

