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GUEST SPEAKER



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Amanda works collaboratively with her colleagues at Independent Schools Queensland to advocate for the independent school sector and represents the views of independent school parents on a number of government and statutory authority reviews and committees.

Amanda was also the project co-ordinator of ISQ's successful research project Engaging Parents in Curriculum (EPIC) from 2021–2023. EPIC was a collaboration between QIS Parents Network, ISQ and Griffith University and produced significant evidence-based findings for schools in the how-to of parent engagement. Amanda and her team now support independent schools to consider and implement effective parent engagement practices through a range of initiatives including the flagship *Mastering Parent Engagement* and *Mastering Parent Engagement PLUS* programs.

Before she entered the education sector, Amanda was a journalist and was twice highly commended in the national Walkley Awards for magazine feature writing.