

Join our community



1,474

Queensland schools with tuckshops



3,500+

tuckshop employees across Queensland



4,000+

members of a supportive, online community

Can you afford not to join?

QAST membership is an **invaluable business investment**.

Experienced convenors have many skills, but there is always something more to learn. For new convenors, who have to hit the ground running, having a dedicated team behind them can make all the difference. Who better to have your back than an organisation that *exists* to support tuckshops. Membership applies to anyone attached to your school, with many direct benefits that translate to **tangible time and cost savings**.

Membership gives you access to a first-class range of services and up-to-date information, designed to support you and your tuckshop, **boosting its presence and viability** in the school community.

What's in it for my school?



TANGIBLE
BENEFITS

With the support of QAST, your tuckshop can **achieve higher profits and better financial accountability**, more efficient operations, and superior food safety practices. Your tuckshop menu will improve and increase in popularity, and your tuckshop staff will be supported and heard.



SAFEGUARD

Being a member of QAST is a safeguard; **if you don't have it, it may not be there when you need it**. We are always at the end of the phone to help you respond to emerging issues, or connect you with the right people to help. When a problem arises, we are your go-to.



PEAK BODY

QAST is the peak body for all things tuckshops in Queensland. The role of a tuckshop convenor is extremely complex. We're the primary source of **professional development, training, and resources**. We have your back, and our large membership base puts us in a strong position to influence outcomes.



TRUSTED

QAST is a trusted source of information. We work closely with the Department of Education, P&Cs Qld and other state canteen peak bodies. Rumours and stories abound; if you want the accurate and up-to-date answer, you come to QAST. **We solve complex issues around running a tuckshop**, working collaboratively with everyone involved.



RESPONSIBILITY

All employers are responsible for ensuring their staff have access to professional development and skills growth. QAST offers **tailored and specialised training**, and members attract a significant discount. These training opportunities are unique to QAST and are delivered by experts with years of experience in their fields.

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SPECIALISED SERVICES

QAST membership gives you FREE access to up to four Menu Health Checks each year (valued at \$75 each) and one Financial Advisory Service (valued at \$200). Members have **unlimited access to our wide range of online tuckshop resources** including template policies and procedures, employment contracts and position descriptions, operations manuals and information for volunteers.



CONNECTIONS

Through our social media platforms, networking opportunities, training courses, events and large member database, **we can put you in touch with your peers to learn, share, celebrate** and even vent when you need to. We're also here to support and help new convenors as they find their feet.



OUR CHILDREN MATTER

QAST is an expert source of information about food safety and healthy nutrition for children, including catering for allergies and intolerances. We believe **tuckshops are an essential service to busy families**, and offering healthy food to children is the right thing to do. We offer advice beyond the Smart Choices guidelines because there is more to delivering a nutritious foodservice than just complying with a policy.



INSPIRATION

Things don't always run smoothly in a tuckshop. As a member of an association, you can go into each day knowing you're not alone. You'll have **insights, resources and case studies at your disposal**. When you need a pick-me-up, head to the place where people know what you're going through. If you're a new convenor and need a helping hand, we're your one-stop-shop. At QAST, we're all in it together. Our members may have different goals and cater to different audiences, but in the end our goal is the same; run the best tuckshop you possibly can.

You can rely on us

Our friendly, knowledgeable and experienced team are always only a phone call or email away. Our job is to help our members build capacity, confidence and connections, and we're on hand to help navigate the day-to-day of running of member tuckshops.

Got a question about your tuckshop? Chances are, QAST knows the answer. Here's some common ones:

Can students volunteer in the tuckshop?

What is an appropriate markup for tuckshop-made meals?

Which point-of-sale systems are the best?

Where can I find the P&C Award?

What are the recommendations around home-bake?

How do I find more volunteers?

Where do I find the best price on eco-packaging?

Is it okay to serve foods containing nuts?

How should chicken nuggets be served?

Can I be paid for my time while attending training?

Is a combi-oven worth the investment?

What is the best set up for the self-serve area?

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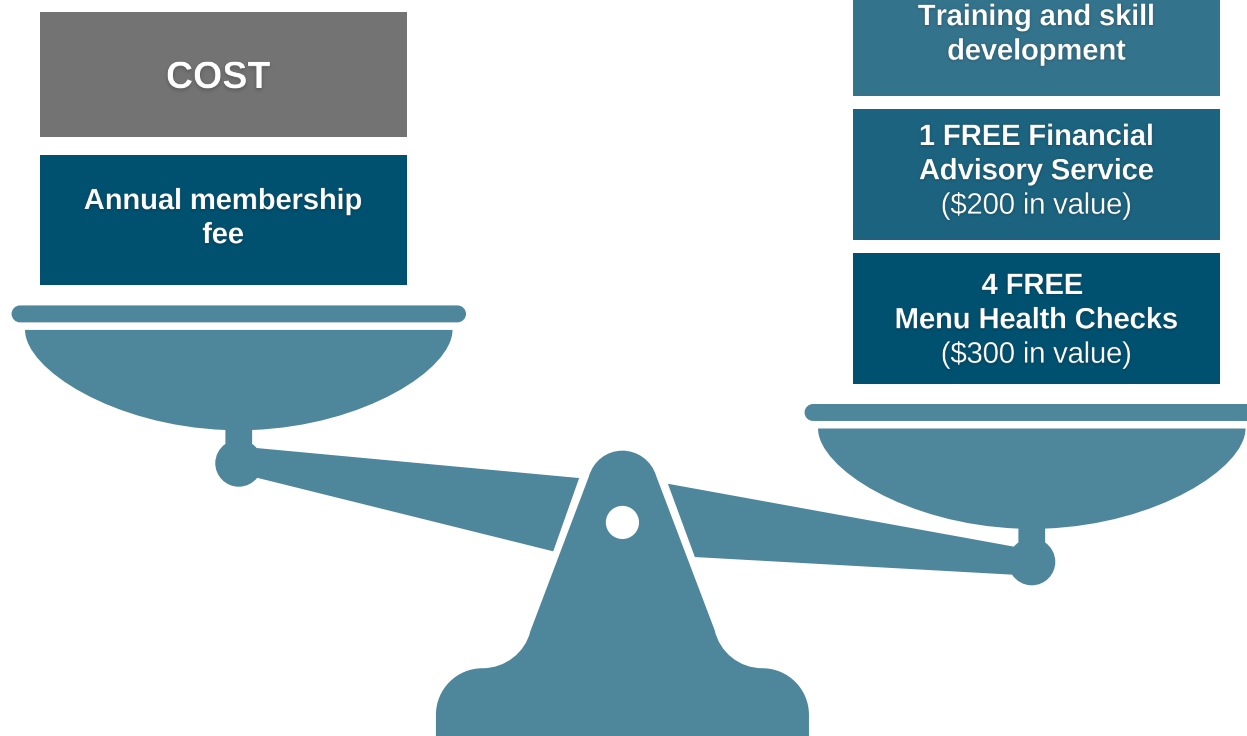
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The investment

We know that one size doesn't fit all. Not all members will take advantage of all the benefits membership has to offer. But for a one-off annual membership fee, our members are able to freely choose how little or much they benefit out of being part of the association.

< 100 students = \$50
100-999 students = \$280
1000+ students = \$320



Ready to get involved?

Like what you've read and keen to join the community? Head over to our website and sign up to become a QAST member today.



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