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Leading Curriculum Change project is an Australian first

A new nation-wide program will develop Australian teachers' skills to pursue curriculum reform in their schools.

The Professional Learning Flagship Program: Leading Curriculum Change is an innovative online professional learning program that will connect Australian teachers with each other and with the latest knowledge in curriculum change.

The Professional Learning Flagship Program: Leading Curriculum Change is now live online at www.aitsl.edu.au/lcc.

The program is designed to attract teachers, directors of curriculum and coordinators who have formal or informal responsibility for curriculum change in their schools. By undertaking a series of structured online learning modules and accessing the experience of their colleagues around the nation, teachers will be equipped to design action plans for implementation in their own schools.

Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), Mr Anthony Mackay, said, "This is an exceptionally exciting professional learning opportunity for Australian teachers, occurring at a time of far reaching curriculum change across the nation. Never before have we brought together teachers from across Australia to join in a national online conversation on curriculum change.

"Importantly, the program will deliver support to teachers in metropolitan, regional, rural and remote school communities. That well-known Australian problem of 'the tyranny of distance' can be successfully tackled through creatively applying the professional learning opportunities offered by the online world. With this program, teachers around the country can work at their own pace and in times that suit their circumstances. The result will be a group of teachers with the skills to drive curriculum reform at the local level, leading to improved educational experiences and outcomes for their students."

The first round of the Leading Curriculum Change program will involve up to 2,000 Australian teachers from all states and territories, the government, Catholic and independent education sectors, and from every phase of schooling.

Teachers are encouraged to visit www.aitsl.edu.au/lcc to find out more and to express an interest in participating in the program.

The Professional Learning Flagship Program: Leading Curriculum Change was developed by The University of Queensland in collaboration with AITSL.

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