

Developing great school leaders

How do we build an online community of practice with school leaders who have so many other calls upon their time? Is there significant value in bringing together relevant research content that is scattered elsewhere?

These were among the questions facing the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) and their partners at Education Services Australia back in December 2010. They were presented with the task of developing an online tool that would support and develop the knowledge and skills of Australia's school leaders, including those aspiring to leadership roles.

The resulting resource, the School Leadership Clearinghouse, was announced in July 2011 by the Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, Peter Garrett, in conjunction with the endorsement of the National Professional Standard for Principals.

The Clearinghouse is the first Australian resource of its kind within the field of school leadership.

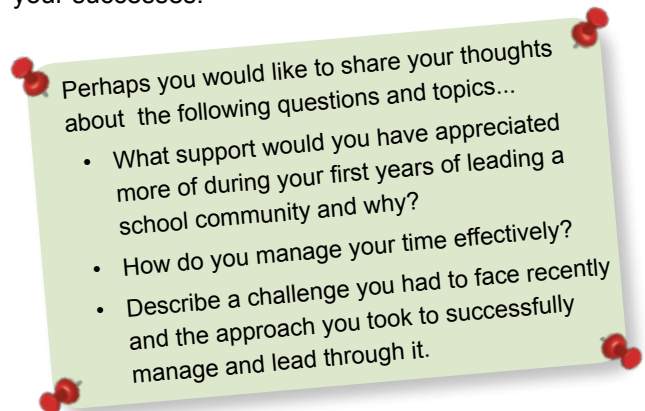


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This innovative medium brings together a carefully selected range of research material, leadership strategies and tools. It gives users the opportunity to load their own resources and to promote upcoming events. Registered users can also comment on

Clearinghouse content and engage in discussion with their peers via a forum. Research content for the Clearinghouse will grow each month.

With the discussion forum being part of a new resource, comments are just beginning to appear, so you have the opportunity to set the topics and start the debates. AITSL invites you to jump in and share stories, pose questions and exchange ideas. Importantly, other school leaders and aspirants can learn from your experiences and hopefully emulate your successes.



AITSL is keen to hear from individuals who might be interested in becoming facilitators of the forum. This would involve occasionally leading online discussion and acting as a moderator when necessary.

Contact us at clearinghouse@aitsl.edu.au.

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