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School leaders become Australia's first Certified Practising Principals

Eight school leaders from five states have attained professional recognition as Australia's first Certified Practising Principals this month.

The following principals have achieved Australian Principal Certification, managed by Principals Australia Institute, through demonstrating the impact of their leadership on teacher efficacy, student achievement and whole-school improvement in accordance with profession-developed requirements and the Australian Principal Standard.

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Robyn Thorpe (Batchelor Area School)

ACT

Lana Read (University of Canberra's Kaleen High School)

VIC

Cheryle Osborne (Aspendale Gardens Primary School)

TAS

Mandy Reynolds-Smith (Montrose Bay High School)

NSW

Nigel Brito (The Rivers Secondary College, Lismore High Campus)

Philip Moore (St Pius X Primary School)

Melissa Scully (Booragul Public School)

Mercedes Wilkinson (The Children's Hospital School, Westmead)

Paul Geyer, Chief Executive Officer of Principals Australia Institute, said Australian Principal Certification affirms the importance of educational leadership.

"It recognises the unique role of principals in improving the quality of learning and teaching in schools.

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“The Australian Principal Standard sets out what principals are expected to know, understand and do to achieve the highest standard of school leadership, and these eight principals have successfully demonstrated that Standard in action.

“Congratulations to these accomplished school leaders, who have now earned formal endorsement as experienced, practising principals, and helped elevate their profession overall.”

The next intake for Australian Principal Certification commences in January 2018. Interested candidates can find out more at <http://certification.pai.edu.au/>

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Brief bios of each Certified Practising Principal can be found on PAI’s website:

<http://www.pai.edu.au/content/school-leaders-become-australia%E2%80%99s-first-certified-practising-principals-through-pai>

More information about Principal Certification:

<http://certification.pai.edu.au/>

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About Principals Australia Institute

Principals Australia Institute (PAI) is a national organisation providing quality professional learning, leadership development and principal certification to Australia’s 9,500 school leaders, across all school systems.

Through its relationships and connections across the education sector, it assists school leaders to achieve the best possible outcomes for themselves, their staff and their students, through ongoing professional development and learning.

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PAI provides leadership and advocacy to Government in the areas of school leadership, professional development and Australian Principal Certification to help elevate the profession and raise the profile of principals in the community.