

## Educational Leadership - Reflection Moment 1: The Changing Nature of Educational Leadership

Dear colleague,

As part of our 2025 Educational Leadership Professional Learning Series, Swinburne University of Technology is pleased to share with you our first in a series of **Educational Leadership Reflection Moments**.

Each fortnight, Swinburne will publish a 'moment' piece designed for busy early childhood educators, teachers and school leaders. Included will be an artefact to read and an artefact to reflect upon.

### What Does It Mean to Lead in Education Today?

Educational leadership is both meaningful and complex. Today's leaders are called to lead teams, communities, and themselves, while also fostering innovation in teaching and learning.

In this Reflection Moment, educational leaders reflect on the role of **vulnerability** and **humility**, and how this intersects with the **values** of both the leader and the organisation. They offer insights into the importance of **building relationships** and **creating collegial environments** that encourage people to thrive. Our educational leaders prompt us to reflect on how we build networks within communities, and how these communities can support educational environments.

Finally, they prompt us to consider:

*What innovations are needed to make leadership more sustainable?*

Something to reflect upon:

[The challenges and opportunities of educational leadership](#)

Something to read:

[Bringing context and educational leadership together](#)



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**Bringing context and educational leadership together: fostering the professional development of school principals**

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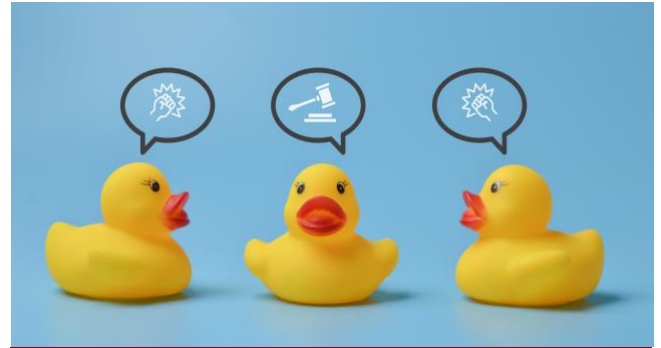
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29<sup>th</sup> September  
(Quarter 4)

Find out more



This engaging and practical session, designed for all educators, will be presented by Mat McRae, Principal of Queenscliff Primary School. Mat will share five evidence-based strategies to help navigate challenging conversations with parents and foster stronger partnerships with families.

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31<sup>st</sup> July  
(Online)

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*Introducing Associate Professor Damien Lyons – Course Director of Master of Educational Leadership*



Damien Lyons is Deputy Chair and an Associate Professor in Education within the Department of Education at Swinburne University of Technology. Prior to Swinburne Damien worked at Monash University where he led the literacy leadership unit, culminating in him being named the Monash Graduate Association 2022 Lecturer of the Year, an award that recognise and celebrate excellence in graduate teaching. Damien has studied educational leadership at the University of London. His thesis explored primary school teachers practices of leadership within diverse contexts. Damien serves as the Course Director within Swinburne's Master of Educational Leadership, which sees him working with colleagues to develop materials and practices relevant to the work of the contemporary educational leader.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on one or more of these questions!