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Dear Colleagues:

As part of our 2025 educational leadership professional learning series, Swinburne University of Technology, in partnership with Montmorency Primary School, would like to invite you to a Master Class:

De-escalation Techniques for Educators: Working Productively with Parents

This interactive session is designed for any educator, teacher, or school leader who has faced a challenging conversation with an upset or angry parent. Participants will explore five practical, evidence-based strategies to de-escalate difficult interactions and build productive partnerships with families.



Presenter: Mat McRae

This Master Class will be facilitated by Mat McRae, principal of Queenscliff Primary School and a seasoned educator with over 16 years' experience across primary and tertiary education in Victoria, NSW, and the ACT. Mat has held senior leadership roles in both government and independent schools and is an active contributor to regional school improvement strategy. Mat brings a strong focus on inclusive, high-performing learning communities and is known for his evidence-informed leadership, deep commitment to student wellbeing, and practical insight into parent-school partnerships.

In-Person event

Wednesday, 30 July 2025 | 4:30 – 6:30 PM AEST at Montmorency Primary School 60A Rattray Rd, Montmorency VIC 3094

Online event

Thursday, 31 July 2025 | 4:30 – 6:30pm AEST Link will be distributed closer to the time

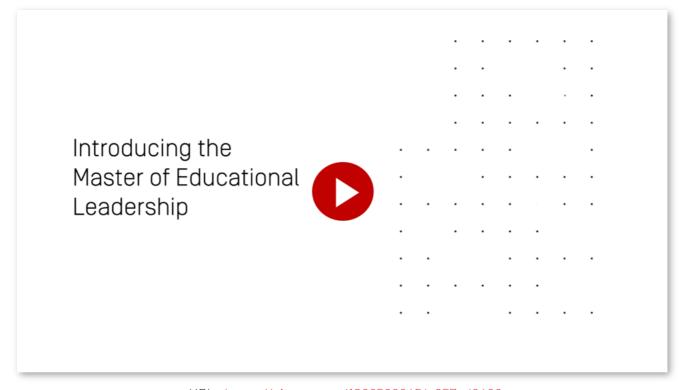
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This Master Class forms part of our professional learning series on educational leadership. It is the second Master Class of three we plan to offer in 2025. Alongside our professional learning series, Swinburne has been developing course offerings designed to better respond to the contemporary education environment. You can find out more here. And if you are an educator, teacher or education leader considering a master's degree, you may want to consider Swinburne's Master of Educational Leadership.

Educational leadership is evolving, and Swinburne is committed to working with educators to offer evidence-informed response opportunities. Janene Worsam and Polly Flanagan, both experienced school principals, have been influential in shaping Swinburne's response, and you can learn more from them in this video:



URL: https://vimeo.com/1086598945/a957ad8498

I look forward to meeting you at the Master Class. If you have any questions, please contact: SwinEDU@swin.edu.au



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