



New Principals Network 2026

Connect, share ideas and enhance your school leadership.



Principalship requires knowledge, courage and wisdom across a range of disciplines - from governance, compliance and risk, learning and wellbeing to data analysis, literacy and procurement.

As part of ISV's commitment to developing leadership capacity within our member schools. New leaders are invited to join our New Principals Network 2026.

This dynamic leadership development program aims to support new principals and principals new to Victoria, to:

- Advance their leadership skills to lead their students, staff and school community
- Develop a supportive network of colleagues and share ideas
- Explore current trends and challenges for school improvement
- Build wellbeing and resilience for themselves and their staff
- Develop an ongoing and supportive relationship with ISV

ISV has been running leadership development programs for principals for 20 years. The New Principals Network has been developed in partnership with current principals, recently retired principals and respected educational professionals.



In-person program

Monday 23 March

9.30am – 3.30 pm

- The most important facets of your role
- School climate, culture and safety
- Leading your staff and school community and the importance of communication
- SWOT analysis - fresh eyes, hasten slowly
- Governance - working with your Board and Chair and reporting to a Board
- An introduction to isEducation
- Who at ISV can assist you – meeting key staff.

Monday 3 August

9.30am – 3.30 pm

- Leading learning – principals as lead learners
- Building teachers' capacity and the role of data
- Future trends in education
- Leading wellbeing of your staff, students and your own
- Your vision for the future and strategic planning

Monday 12 October

9.30am – 3.30 pm

- Employment relations trends and update
- Managing difficult conversations
- Making your school an employer of choice
- Recruitment
- Topics requested by the network
- Appraisal and KPIs
- The future

Online program

Webinar 1

Monday 27 April

4 – 6 pm

- Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA)
- Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)
- Child safety, Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) and Social Services Regulator

Webinar 2

Monday 18 May

4 – 6 pm

- Employment relations
- Risk management and compliance
- Crisis management

Webinar 3

Monday 1 June

4 – 6 pm

- The August census
- All students and staff
- NCCD

Webinar 4

Monday 15 June

4 – 6 pm

- School finances
- School funding
- Budgeting

Webinar 5

Monday 17 Aug

4 – 6 pm

- Governance
- VIT update and Code of Conduct
- Additional topics as requested

Cost

The cost for the full program is:

New Principals of Member Schools \$1,100

Experienced Principals new to Victoria of
Member Schools \$900

Non-members \$2,000

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