

School Networks

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What does this do?

School networks is a strategy that focuses on different schools and institutions communicating and working with each another to develop ideas and shared visions for effectively creating and using learning spaces.

How can it help?

School networks can help educators to collaborate with other schools who have previously transitioned into an innovative learning environment. School networks also provide an opportunity for educators to discuss and share their own experiences, as well as increase their knowledge, of teaching in an innovative learning environment.

An example in practice

To better understand the process involved in transitioning into an innovative learning environment, Michelago Public School, Queanbeyan High School, and Captains Flat Public School joined together to create a school network. The three schools, located in New South Wales, Australia, networked with neighbouring schools. The collaboration helped introduce participating schools to innovative practices, choose appropriate and suitable furniture for their learning spaces, and develop teaching practices that are supported by the learning spaces.

Where can I find this?¹

Information around school networks for Australian government schools can be found on the relevant Australian state government websites. The School Networks website for the state of Victoria can be accessed via <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/community/Pages/schoolnetworks.aspx>

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School networks provide the opportunity for schools to work with other schools, across sectors or with business and the community.

Networks should be designed to meet the needs of students.

Principals are responsible for managing network activity.

These resources have been developed to assist principals to identify which types of networks may best support their school and partners, as well as support network activity and governance arrangements.

Cross sector collaboration

Improving Together: A Cross-Sector Collaboration Toolkit for Principals has been developed in close consultation with schools from across all three sectors to support cross-sector collaboration between schools.

Cross sector collaboration can lead to a range of benefits for schools and students, including:

- Improved curriculum provision for students
- Pooled resources and supports
- Knowledge sharing to address shared challenges and needs
- Broader community benefits, such as through increased involvement in shared education, cultural and sporting activities.

