

School Leader Virtual Forum Groups (Facilitated)



Leadership Forums are some of the most powerful support networks a leader can belong to. They provide a safe and confidential space for school leaders to engage in professional support and are a way to brainstorm and pressure test strategy.

Executive Summary

What: School Leader Virtual Forum Groups - this strategy involves developing virtual forum groups (5 - 6 participants) of school leaders who meet virtually on a monthly or twice termly basis with a facilitator following a 75min virtual forum agenda for the purpose of peer support, collaborating on real world school leadership challenges and sharing best practice (ie., School Support Systems, High Performance Teams, Behaviour Support, Staffing, Wellbeing, School Improvement, Quality Teaching & Learning etc.).

Why: Boosting peer-to-peer collaboration, knowledge sharing and depth of support among School Leaders to maximise both wellbeing and school improvement within a cultural and community relevant context – with the end goal of enhancing the wellbeing, retention, knowledge sharing and contextually driven school improvement across the member schools.

Who: School leaders assigned into peer groups based on demographic or similarities in roles (Principals/ DPs/ APs etc). Facilitators from HPTschools: Pete Stebbins, Heidi McGlashan, Jenny Cole, Alistair Kerr & Danielle Stebbins.

How:

1. **JOIN AN EXISTING GROUP:** Interested School Leaders joining an existing virtual forum group complete a 30min 1:1 onboarding session with the facilitator prior to commencement.
2. **NEW GROUPS:** Interested School Leaders starting a new group assigned into forum groups and facilitator makes contact to determine best times / dates for term x term calendars.

When: 2 x Virtual forum sessions held per term using the Virtual Toolkit (typically in weeks 3 and 8 either during school hours or late afternoon once school finishes - pending group preferences).

Costs: Based on 2 sessions per term (typically in weeks 3 and 8) a commitment to 8 forum meetings per year at \$995.00 per annum per member (excl. GST). The fee is on an annual basis (pro rata) unrelated to attendance level and can be invoiced to schools as part of professional development budgets.



“A leadership forum affords Principals with the opportunity to engage with peers through a collegial and challenging process. The process is tightly managed in time and structure so that the most valuable asset Principals have – their time – is utilised effectively for the benefit of their own leadership development and the benefit of their school. I personally have enjoyed the opportunity to receive collegial support to strategically reflect on my leadership and the impact this is having on student learning.”
Kurt Goodwin, Principal

