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QELi is exporting education leadership expertise

A growing number of international school leaders are calling on the Queensland Education Leadership Institute (QELi) to help them improve school outcomes by bolstering the leadership skills of their educators.

Over the past five years, QELi had built a solid reputation for delivering relevant, customised and high-quality programs and services, throughout Australia and overseas, and school leaders from Asia, Europe and the United States are increasingly seeing the value in programs that build leadership skills, expose participants to international expertise and create collegial networks.

Dr Stephen Brown, CEO, QELi, says, “QELi is committed to supporting school leaders to reach their true potential. Increasingly, we are finding an increased demand for specialised training in overseas markets, such The Philippines, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bhutan.

“This June, we happily welcomed our first delegate from Sri Lanka, Ms Sharmila Gunatilleke, Principal at Bishop’s College, Colombo.”

Ms Gunatilleke travelled to Brisbane to participate in QELi’s signature Emerging Principal’s Program. The initial three-day workshop represents the start of the program, which relies on a blended learning approach, is run over 12-months.

Ms Gunatilleke says, “I excited to work with a network of likeminded principals, and be introduced to world-leading research and industry experts. Though our schools are many kilometres apart, the challenges we face are still remarkably similar.

“I believe in life-long education and investing in your skills, because as I tell my students, in this complex modern world, education is one of the most powerful drivers of change and helps us choose the best path.
“It is an honour to participate in this leadership development program and I look forward to sharing the knowledge and expert learnings with my colleagues and, in turn, better support my students and the Bishop’s College school community.”

As one of QELi’s highly acclaimed leadership programs, the Emerging Principal’s Program equips participants with the knowledge and skills and confidence to effectively lead and develop others.

Dr Brown adds, “Our program development team and program facilitators consider cultural and jurisdictional nuances of each leader who participates in a QELi program. The Emerging Principals Program draws on the latest available evidence about the effective learning and teaching in schools and school leadership.

“Theoretical and practical learning is supported and consolidated through powerful online collegiate tutorials and one-to-one coaching/mentoring, helping to build mutually-supportive, reflective and professional collegiate groups.”

About QELi

Celebrating its fifth year in operation, QELi (Queensland Education Leadership Institute) is a not-for-profit organisation that develops leadership capabilities in education leaders, leading to improved student outcomes. Attracting participants from across Australia and the world, it is a partnership between the Queensland Department of Education and Training, Queensland Catholic Education Commission and Independent Schools Queensland.

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About Bishop’s College

Bishop’s College is a private, day and boarding school for girls in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Bishop’s College was founded in 1875 and now provides education for students from nursery to Year 14 (equivalent to Australia’s Year 12).