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QELi appoints Mr Christopher Thomas, new Director of Programs.

QELi are delighted to announce Mr Christopher Thomas has joined QELi (Queensland Education Leadership Institute) as the Director of Programs, commencing on Monday, 17 August 2015.

A respected and experienced educator, and former Victorian Primary School Principal of the Year (2009), Christopher was most recently principal at Yarra Junction Primary School, Victoria, where he has served as principal for the past 10 years.

Dr Stephen Brown, CEO, QELi, says, “We are delighted to welcome Christopher as QELi’s Director of Programs.

“Over the past five years, Christopher has worked with QELi as a facilitator and presenter for a number of our programs, including QELi’s Small School Leadership program. His appointment represents a new era for QELi, which continues to go from strength to strength.”

Christopher brings a wealth of education leadership experience, which will support QELi’s ongoing commitment to develop responsive education leadership solutions for schools, regions and sectors throughout Australia and internationally.

Under his principalship at Yarra Junction State Primary School, he elevated the school’s performance from ‘underperforming’, to having improved academic and social results with a culture of high expectations amongst staff, students and parents.

Christopher says, “I am excited to join the QELi team as Director of Programs and am committed to ensuring all education leaders have the skills and motivation to give our children a comprehensive and personally rewarding education.

“All school communities have an obligation to ensure that each child receives the educational, emotional, physical and social experiences necessary to experience success, and I know QELi can be an instrumental part of this equation.”

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About QELi

Established as a not-for-profit organisation in June 2010, QELi helps develop education leaders to improve 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.