Leading Systems

What is the module about?
This module ensures leaders develop the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to lead improvement across the school system. System leaders are effective when they act as change agents to sustain system-wide access to improvements in learning and outcomes. The module equips leaders with understanding, strategies and tools for doing this through a focus on systems thinking, effective leadership practice and planning for change implementation.

Who is the module designed for?
Experienced Principal class members, recently appointed Principals and leaders aspiring to a Principal class position.

What will I learn?
Completing this module will enable school leaders to:

• build system-wide capacity to deliver improvements in learning outcomes for all students
• conceptualise the school system as an ‘open system’ and examine the value of systems thinking in the school’s state, national and global context
• understand and apply best practice in being an effective change agent
• use technology to support effective leadership practice
• plan and implement strategies that align with leading a systems focus and thus drive system-wide improvement
• manage the risks involved in innovation and change.

How is the module structured?
The Leading Systems module comprises five days of workshops including a final Progress Day. The module involves: preparatory tasks and reading; tasks for completion between workshops; peer support; ongoing evaluation/feedback and collaboration using the Ultranet. The first workshop is expected to commence in late July 2011.

What is the cost of the module?
A non-refundable co-contribution of $330 (inc. GST) from your school is required to support your participation in this module.

All other program costs are covered, including learning resources and meals. Accommodation is provided for rural participants who travel more than two hours to attend the workshops. CRT for workshops and travel costs are not covered.

How do I apply?
Expressions of interest close on Friday 13 May 2011. Instructions on how to apply and the Expression of Interest form are available on the Bastow website: www.bastow.vic.edu.au.