

NSW Public Schools Leadership Excellence

Action Plan 2026–2028

This action plan is the NSW Department of Education's commitment to supporting and empowering all school leaders and teachers, helping them deliver high quality teaching and learning in every classroom.

Delivered by the School Leadership Institute (SLI), it sets out how we will continue to identify and develop the leaders of tomorrow while supporting the leaders of today.



New initiatives include:

- a new Shadowing for Success program to deliver a consistent and evidence-informed shadowing experience
- a new System Leadership for Principals program, for principals who seek to strengthen their impact and may aspire to formal system leadership roles
- a new Voices for Public Education program to support principals and school leaders in promoting their schools
- a stronger focus on mentoring, enabling experienced staff to nurture emerging school leaders
- an expanded and enhanced Leadership Learning Resource
- expanding the Regional, Rural and Remote Leadership Program for aspiring and middle leaders
- an unwavering focus on excellence and equity in all leadership professional development
- short, practical, and subject-specific professional learning opportunities in response to new and emerging needs.

Current SLI programs and resources will continue to be delivered under the action plan.



Explore SLI resources

DoE staff can access our range of programs and resources on the [SLI intranet](#).



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