






**VPA**  

**STUDY AWARDS**

**& EXCHANGES** 

**2010** 

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# Introduction

Welcome to the Victorian Principals Association (VPA) Study Awards and Exchanges Program for 2010. To be eligible for the Study Awards and Exchanges Program you must be a Full Member of the VPA.

The VPA has a long standing tradition of supporting members in practical ways and facilitating their continuing development. The provision of high quality Professional Learning continues to be an important priority for the VPA. The VPA Study Awards and Exchanges Program is a significant means by which the Association delivers development opportunities for members. The VPA receives very positive feedback from members who have availed themselves of this Program.

Consistent with the VPA priority areas for action in 2010, the Study Awards Program is directed at the following topics:

- 1. Ranking School Performance via National Assessment Testing. Are there Lessons to be learnt from Overseas Experiences? - Award by PSW Quality Apparel**
- 2. Valuing Creativity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning - Award by Furnware - furniture for learning and growing**
- 3. Social and Collaborative Learning via Web 2 Technologies – Award by – Master School Portraits Southern Victoria**
- 4. The Power of Distributive Leadership in Successful Schools: Award by PSW Quality Apparel**  
**\*This award is open to Assistant Principals only and includes the option of participating in a shadowing program for the successful Assistant Principal**

The VPA would like to acknowledge the generous financial support provided by the following sponsors for the 2010 Study Awards Program:

- **PSW Quality Apparel**
- **Master School Portraits Southern Victoria**
- **Furnware- furniture for learning and growing**

Full VPA Members are invited to carefully consider the Professional Learning opportunities published in this booklet and to apply for areas of interest. VPA board members are not eligible for these awards. Members having any queries regarding the VPA Study Awards and Exchanges Program, including requests for assistance with applications, are asked to direct their queries to Terry Condon, Committee Convenor or Kaye Seton Berwick PS member of VPA Study Awards and Exchanges Program committee, Email: [condon.terry.tj@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:condon.terry.tj@edumail.vic.gov.au) or [seton.kaye.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:seton.kaye.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Applications close at 4.00 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.**

**Gabrielle Leigh**  
VPA President

## Why Apply?

Reasons to participate...

- A totally different professional learning experience;
- Build your knowledge and understanding;
- Participate in stimulating and enriching experiences;
- Research and share best educational practice with other VPA members;
- Be at the cutting edge of the latest in teaching and learning; and
- Develop great collegiate networks.

## From past recipients...

*"There's nothing else like it! A real eye opener..."*

*"The opportunity to develop networks was fantastic."*

*"The program was excellent, designed to meet my needs..."*

*"The best professional development I have ever undertaken..."*

## What to do...

- Complete the Application Form
- Obtain your Regional Director's endorsement if any interstate / overseas travel is involved, or any paid or unpaid leave is required refer to relevant DEECD Memoranda (<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/> )
- Understand your obligations before, during and after the Study Award or Exchange
- Confirm your **availability to be present** to receive the award in person, if successful, on the evening of Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the VPA/VASSP Conference Dinner.
- Contact the VPA for further information or assistance
- Submit your application with the VPA office by the closing date – Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010

# VPA Study Awards

## VPA Priority Areas in 2010

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**PSW Award: \$5000**

**Ranking School Performance via National Assessment Testing. Are there Lessons to be learnt from Overseas Experiences?**



**PSW Award: \$5000 - Assistant Principal**

**The Power of Distributive Leadership in Successful Schools**



**Master School Portraits Southern Victoria Award: \$5000**

**Social and Collaborative Learning via Web 2 Technologies.**



**Furnware Award: \$5000**

**Valuing Creativity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.**

### Study Award Information:

1. The Study Awards are open only to full paying Principal Class Members of the Victorian Principals Association. VPA board members are not eligible for these awards.
2. The four VPA Study Awards provide an opportunity for the successful recipients to undertake Professional Learning that will enhance their capacity as Principal Class Officers. The Study Awards are intended to support a research project to be undertaken by the successful applicant. The project may involve interstate or overseas travel, or may be locally based.

3. The research project must relate to one of the current VPA priority areas. In 2010 the priority areas are identified as:
  - **Ranking School Performance via National Assessment Testing. Are there Lessons to be learnt from Overseas Experiences?**
  - **Social and Collaborative Learning via Web 2 Technologies.**
  - **Valuing Creativity in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.**
  - **The Power of Distributive Leadership in Successful Schools.**
4. The project may commence during September 2010 and must be completed no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011.
5. Applications for the Study Awards can be submitted in hardcopy, or electronically. The application form is available on page 9 of this booklet or call the VPA office on 8379 4000 or for regional callers 1800 872 872.
6. Applications must be received at the VPA office by 4:00 pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2010.
7. All applications will be acknowledged via email shortly after receipt.
8. Late applications may not be considered.
9. All applications will be considered by a Panel which will comprise of:
  - Convenor of the Study Awards and Exchanges Committee
  - President of the VPA or nominee
  - Representative of Study Awards and Exchanges Committee or nominee/s

The panel may, at its discretion, require applicants to provide additional information and / or attend an interview.

## Conditions

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1. Successful recipients will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement in regard to the use of the Study Award funds.
2. The recipient **must be in attendance** at the VPA Annual conference dinner on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to receive the Award.
3. Within three (3) months of the completion of the project, the successful applicant will be required to provide a report on the outcomes of the project. This will be available on the website for reference. Successful applicants must present their final report to a VPA Council session. Information gained must be made available to VPA members and relevant sponsors.
4. Applicants are advised that there is no extension possible to the funding arrangements, leave conditions or time limits specified in the Award conditions.
5. Any travel arrangements are the responsibility of the individual and will need to comply with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Memorandum 'Approval to

Undertake Overseas or Domestic Travel for Principals and Teachers.' Please note that any replacement costs for all Awards are the responsibility of the school.

6. The VPA reserves the right to withdraw the award, if in the opinion of the Panel there is no application of sufficient merit.

## Recent Recipients of Study Awards

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### PSW Award

- 2009 Loretta Hamilton, Courtney Gardens PS  
Gayle Roads, Brighton PS
- 2008 Naomi Reed and Helen Briggs, Chandler Primary School
- 2008 Lee Murnane, Brighton Beach Primary School
- 2007 Ray Trotter, Wooranna Park Primary School  
Ray Flanagan, Langwarrin Park Primary School

### Master School Portraits Study Award

- 2009 Leigh Crang, Aspendale PS
- 2007 Judi Gurvich, Malvern Central School

### The Zart Art Award – Creativity Award

- 2009 Bryan Nolan, Oak Park PS

### CGU Insurance Award

- 2008 Elizabeth Klein, Osborne Primary School
- 2007 Mark Renouf, Ballam Park Primary School

## Study Awards & Collegiate Exchanges Committee

If prospective applicants for the VPA's 2010 Study Awards and Collegiate Exchanges programs, have any queries or areas for discussion please feel free to contact the Committee members, as listed below:

**Terry Condon** Roxburgh Rise Primary School, Email: [condon.terry.tj@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:condon.terry.tj@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Kaye Seton** Berwick Primary School Email [seton.kaye.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:seton.kaye.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

# VPA 2010 Study Award Application Form

## SECTION 1. Applicant Details

Name

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Current Position :

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School Name :

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School Address :

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Tel (work) :

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Fax (work) :

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Email (work) :

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Home Address :

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Tel (home) :

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Mobile :

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## SECTION 2. Project Details

Project Title :

Which VPA priority area is addressed (see page 6 of this booklet) :

Brief description of the project :

Timelines - Project Start :

Project Finish :

If the project requires interstate or overseas travel, please give details if known (eg. destination(s), methods of travel, dates, cost). (Refer to DEECD Memorandum 'Approval to Undertake Overseas or Domestic Travel for Principals and Teachers')

**What other expenses do you envisage? (estimates) :**

**How do you propose to follow up the project once it is completed? (eg. publication, reporting, dissemination to colleagues) :**

Applicants must complete the following questions. Information need not be in great detail, but should be sufficiently detailed to allow the panel to form an accurate assessment of the project's value, viability and likelihood of success. You may attach additional information to this application if you wish.

**What involvement have you had with the issue you seek to explore?**

**Related investigation or study up to this time?**

**What contacts have you made to assist your proposed project?**

**How will your involvement with this project benefit you, your school, and the VPA?**

### **SECTION 3. Declaration**

I declare that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I have read and understand the rules relating to this award, and I agree that neither the VPA nor the supporter will be liable for any additional expenses that I may incur as a result of my acceptance of the award.

Name:

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Signed :

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Date:

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**APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY 4.00 PM FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2010 to:**

VPA Study Awards and Exchanges, Unit 2, 13-21 Vale Street, North Melbourne Vic 3051  
Tel : 03 8379 4000 Fax : 03 9326 9950 Email : [gleigh@vpa.org.au](mailto:gleigh@vpa.org.au)

*(Note: A separate application form must be completed by each applicant)*

# 2010 Collegiate Exchange Program

## Key elements of the Exchange Program

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- The VPA facilitates the appropriate pairing of principal class members.
- The VPA provides grants of \$400 to those visiting WA and \$300 to those visiting SA or Tasmania (to assist with costs).
- The VPA provides grants of \$100 to those hosting a visitor from interstate.
- As the host you offer an appropriate program and facilities that has the potential to be reciprocated. Are based on home stay exchanges (i.e. you live with them, they live with you).
- Participants plan for a one week visit overlapping the term vacation periods (i.e. the visitor is on vacation, the host is on duty).
- Participants share their experiences by providing an article and photograph for publication.
- Hospitality, tours and school visits are organised by you as the host.

## Exchange Details for 2010

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Exchange opportunities will be made by Victoria and South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia to encourage leadership and work shadowing experiences. These programs have been designed in conjunction with the relevant professional Association with support from DEECD.

## Dates

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The Exchange Program is generally planned for a one week reciprocal visit, to overlap with the term vacation (ie the visitor is on vacation, the host is on duty). There is flexibility to allow for individual arrangements and dates to be negotiated. However, unless otherwise negotiated, it is anticipated:

### Victorian participants can visit:

#### South Australia

- The last week of South Australia's Term 3, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010

#### Tasmania

- At the start of Tasmania's Term 3, 2010 – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010

#### Western Australia

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- The last week of Western Australia's Term 3, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010

### **New South Wales**

- The last week of NSW Term 3, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010

### **Interstate participants can visit Victoria:**

#### **South Australia**

- The first week of Victoria's Term 4, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010

#### **Tasmania\***

- The last 2 weeks of Victoria's Term 3, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010. (*\*NB Tasmania has three terms*)

#### **Western Australia**

- During the first week of Victoria's Term 4, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010

#### **New South Wales**

- During the first week of Victoria's Term 4, 2010 – i.e. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Applications are invited from members for the 2010 Collegiate Exchange Program. Application Forms in this booklet or call VPA (03) 8379 4000 or 1800 872 872 for regional callers.

Closing Date is 4.00 pm **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**

## **Protocols**

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- VPA facilitates the appropriate pairing of principal class members
  - These are home stay exchanges, ie you live with them, and they live with you
  - As the host you offer an appropriate program and facilities that have the potential to be reciprocated
  - The VPA provides **grants of \$400 to those visiting WA** (to assist travel costs) or \$300 to those travelling to NSW, SA or Tasmania. The VPA provides **grants of \$100 to those hosting** a visitor from interstate
  - Transport costs / airfares are met by successful applicants
  - Hosting costs are met by you, as the host
  - Participants should be aware of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) requirements for interstate travel. Interstate travel must be approved
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by the Regional Director. Pro Forma documentation is required well in advance of intended travel.

- Hospitality, tours, school visits are organised by you as the host
- Participants will be expected to share their experiences in the form of a report to employers, to each participating association, and by presentations and promotions for school groups as arranged.



# VPA 2010 Exchange Program Application Form

## SECTION 1. Applicant Details

Name

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Current Position :

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School Name :

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School Address :

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Tel (work) :

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Fax (work) :

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Email (work) :

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Home Address :

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Tel (home) :

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Mobile :

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## SECTION 2. Exchange Details

Which State are you applying for:

South Australia

Tasmania

Western Australia

New South Wales

Particular educational interest while interstate :



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**Background information about myself and my school :**

**I acknowledge that:**

- all related costs associated with the exchange will be met by me;
- the VPA will provide a grant of \$300 (Tas, NSW & SA) or \$400 ( WA);
- I will host a Principal Class Member as part of this agreement;
- I will comply with Department of Education published requirements.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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