



VPA Annual Conference

16 – 17 August 2018
Pullman Hotel Albert Park



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VPA STUDY AWARDS 2018

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Introduction

Welcome to the Victorian Principals Association (VPA) Study Awards for 2018. To be eligible for the Study Awards you must be a Full Member of the VPA. Principals and Assistant Principals are encouraged to apply.

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 Program is a significant opportunity that allows the Association to deliver empowering 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 2018, the Study Awards Program is directed at the following topics:

- 1. Principal Health and Wellbeing** **Sponsored by Teachers Health Fund**
- 2. Promoting School and Community Links** **Sponsored by Bank First**

The VPA would like to acknowledge the generous financial support provided by our two Award Sponsor Partners, **Teachers Health Fund** and **Bank First**, for the 2018 Study Awards Program:

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 with any queries regarding the VPA Study Awards Program, including requests for assistance with applications, are asked to direct their queries to Deborah Grosseck, Convenor of VPA Study Awards Committee.

Email: Deborah Grosseck at grosseck.deborah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 0418 385 191.
Applications close at 4.00pm on Friday 20 July, 2018.

Anne-Maree Kliman
VPA President

Why Apply?

Reasons to participate:

- A totally different professional-learning experience.
- Build your knowledge and understanding around important subject areas.
- 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 practices.
- 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 School Council’s endorsement if any interstate/overseas travel is involved, or if any paid or unpaid leave is required.
- Understand your obligations before, during and after the Study Award.
- Confirm your availability to be present to receive the award in person, if successful, on the evening of Thursday 16th August at the VPA Annual Conference and Study Awards Dinner, at Melbourne Pullman Hotel, Albert Park. **You must attend the Conference Dinner to be eligible to receive an Award.**
- Contact Deborah Grossek or another member of the Study Awards Committee for further information or assistance.
- Submit your application to the VPA office by the closing date – Friday 20th July 2018. Preferably by email to Jemma Newcombe jnewcombe@vpa.org.au

VPA Study Awards

VPA Priority Areas in 2018

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Teachers Health Award: \$5,000
Principal Health and Wellbeing



Bank First Award: \$5,000
Promoting School and Community Links

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 two VPA Study Awards provide the 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 2018 the **priority areas are identified as:**
 - **Principal Health and Wellbeing.**
 - **Promoting School and Community Links.**
 4. The project may commence during September 2018 and must be completed no later than 30th September 2019.
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5. Applications for the Study Awards can be submitted in hardcopy or electronically. The application form is attached. If you have any questions you can call the VPA office on 8379 4000.
6. Applications must be received at the VPA office by 4:00pm on Friday 20th July, 2018.
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 that will comprise of the:
 - Convenor of the Study Awards and Exchanges Committee.
 - President of the VPA or a 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:

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 and Awards Dinner, on Thursday 16th August 2018, 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 State Council session. Information gained must be made available to VPA members and relevant sponsors.
 4. Recipients will receive a first payment of \$4000 at the start of their project and the final \$1000 will be paid after the presentation of their final report to VPA State Council.
 5. Applicants are advised that there is no extension possible to the funding arrangements, leave conditions or time limits specified in the Award conditions.
 6. Any travel arrangements are the responsibility of the individual and will need to comply with the Department of Education and Training's travel policy. The VPA will support you through this process. Please note that any teacher replacement costs for all Awards are the responsibility of the school.
 7. The VPA reserves the right to withdraw the award if it is in the opinion of the Panel that there are no applications of sufficient merit.
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Recent Recipients of Study Awards

- 2017** Shelby Papadopoulos, Colac Primary School; Corey Pohlner, Woody Yaloak Primary School; Andrew Parry, Horsham West and Haven Primary Schools; Danny Forrest, Donald Primary School.
- 2016** Jennifer Hassett, Rollins Primary School; Joan O'Connor-Cox, Jackson School.
- 2015** Deborah Harry, Hillsmeade PS; Lisa Audino, Roxburgh Park PS; Daniel Watson, Woodford PS; Leon Bell, Thomastown West PS.
- 2014** Deborah Grosseck, Glendal PS; Mark McLay, St Arnaud PS; Jeff Mead, Pearcedale PS; Claire McInerney, Plenty Parklands PS.
- 2013** Andrew Dalglish, Stawell PS; Brendan O'Brien, Altona North PS; Robert Guppy, St Albans North PS; Michelle Turner, Fish Creek and District PS.

Study Awards Committee

If prospective applicants for the VPA 2018 Study Awards have any queries or areas for discussion, please feel free to contact the appropriate committee member below:

Deborah Grosseck – VPA Board Member

Email: grosseck.deborah.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ric Maguire – VPA Treasurer

Email: mauire.richard.g@edumail.vic.gov.au

Anne-Maree Kliman – VPA President

Email: amkliman@vpa.org.au



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2018 VPA Study Award Application Form

SECTION 1 – Applicant Details:

Name:

Current Position:

School Name:

School Address:

Phone (work):

Fax (work):

Email (work):

Home Address:

Phone (home):

Phone (mobile):

SECTION 2 – Project Details:

Project Title:

Which VPA priority area is addressed (see page 4 of Study Awards Information Booklet):

Brief description of the project (approx. half a page):

Timeline – Project Start:

Timeline – Project Finish:

If the project requires interstate or overseas travel, please provide details (if known). For example destination(s), methods of travel, dates, cost etc.

Breakdown of expenses (estimates):

How do you propose to follow up the project once it is completed and presented to VPA State Council? (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?

Please tick:

I am a full member of the VPA	YES / NO
I will attend the VPA Conference Dinner on 16/8/18	YES / NO

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: _____

Signed : _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY 4.00 PM Friday 20 July, 2018 to:

VPA Study Awards, Unit 2, 13-21 Vale Street, North Melbourne Vic 3051
Tel: 03 8379 4000 Fax: 03 9326 9950 Email: jnewcombe@vpa.org.au



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