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HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

I am delighted to share with you the 2019 School of Education annual report.

This report has been written to share with you some of the impact of the developments over the last 12 months as we implement a new strategic plan. Throughout the year we have focused on building our research profile, deepening our strategic partnerships with Apple Australia and our local schools.

The [School of Education Strategic Plan](#) was finalised and presented to the Advisory Board with representatives from the South Australian Department for Education, Catholic Education

South Australia, the Teacher Registration Board of South Australia, and the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) Board.

Three strategic milestones were achieved this year:

- Our teaching and learning programs continue to innovate. We implemented the groundbreaking *e-learning strategy* in partnership with Apple Australia & NZ Inc. under the leadership of Dr Walter Barbieri.

This significant reform for our initial teacher education degrees prepares a new generation of graduate teachers with digital capabilities.

- The development and launch of the [School of Education Aboriginal and Islander Education Action Plan \(2019-2022\)](#), believed to be the first of its kind for a School of Education in an Australian university, led by Michael Colbung.
- The development of a wellbeing framework for the Bachelor of Teaching and Master of Teaching led by Professor Faye McCallum and Associate Professor Mathew White.

Events

15 March

We held an Apple Event for school principals and co-ordinators to introduce schools to the e-Learning program in the Bachelor of Teaching and to discuss placement for first year students. Apple

1 July

Distinguished Educator Dr Abdul Chohan presented *The future of learning in the digital age: 'The Future is Not What it Used to Be'* to staff, students, teachers from Apple partner schools and Apple Distinguished Educators.



19 September

Professor Faye McCallum, A/Professor Mathew White, Dr Walter Barbieri, Dr Nina Maadad, Dr John Willison and Dr Linda Westphalen visited Apple headquarters in Sydney to undertake an Apple Executive Briefing.

2 August 2018

We invited Dr Ben Reese, Vice President for Institutional Equity at Duke University, to undertake an Implicit Bias Workshop as a part of the *School of Education Aboriginal and Islander Action Plan 2019*.

Strategic Research Initiatives

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Edward Palmer our two research groups have been active throughout the year advancing the strategic research initiatives in the School of Education.

Many of our researchers have contributed to international scholarly conferences presenting research at the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) in Queensland, American Educational Research Association (AERA) in Toronto and the 6th World Congress on Positive Psychology in Melbourne.

Forthcoming publications

Learning Environments Group

The Learning Environments group, chaired by Dr Julia Miller, investigates issues of culture, language, equity, diversity, and inclusion in the areas of teaching and learning.

The aim is to enhance the educational experience of the broader community, including those involved in schools and higher education institutions, as well as other stakeholders.

Enhancing Educational Outcomes Group

The Enhancing Educational Outcomes group, chaired by Associate Professor Mathew White, is a transdisciplinary team undertaking research projects on evidence-based approaches that can be used to have a positive impact on education and narrowing the gap in contemporary and emerging topics in education.

The EEO Book will be published by Springer in 2020.

Among other publications, two research books were launched by academics in the School of Education:

- Dr Nina Maadad's *Syrian Refugee Children in Australia and Sweden: Education and Survival among the Displaced, Dispossessed and Disrupted*
- Richard Warner and Kayoko Enomoto, *Asian Studies: Innovative Teaching and Learning Practices in Higher Education*.

School of Education Awards

A highlight during the year was the School of Education award evening when we were able to present twenty awards to students from across our programs including the Esther Burns Scholarship, World Teacher's Day Award, Peter Routley Award and the inaugural Anthony Patten Postgraduate Prize.



International Delegation

In October we welcomed a delegation from Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI) who visited the School of Education and undertook a series of meetings to equip the delegates with knowledge of planning, developing, and evaluating research and communication skill programs for higher degree research students.



Kevin Marjoribanks Memorial Lecture

The School of Education held the bi-annual 2019 Kevin Marjoribanks Memorial Lecture. The lecture is held in honour of Professor Kevin Marjoribanks (1938 - 2006) who was appointed Professor of Education at the University of Adelaide in 1974, served as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Adelaide from 1987 to 1993, and retired as Dean of the School of Education in 2006. This year we welcomed Professor Pasi Sahlberg as Professor of Education Policy, and Research Director at the Gonski Institute for Education, University of New South Wales, Sydney. Professor Pasi Sahlberg worked as a mathematics and science teacher, teacher-educator, researcher, and policy advisor in Finland.



In conclusion

2019 was a very productive and important year for the school of education and we look forward to further developments in 2020. None of this can be achieved alone and I would like to thank the whole team for their efforts throughout the entire year.

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