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Principals Australia Institute launches 2017 John Laing Awards

Principals Australia Institute (PAI) has launched the annual John Laing Professional Development Awards for 2017 to celebrate outstanding school leaders.

The John Laing Awards acknowledge principals in every state and territory who demonstrate exceptional leadership in providing professional learning in schools. They celebrate the contribution principals make to support the professional development of teachers and other school leaders.

“PAI is honoured to run these awards each year, to recognise and celebrate the role principals play in providing leadership and development in their schools and the wider community,” said Paul Geyer, PAI’s Chief Executive Officer.

“Great schools have great leaders who inspire their staff and their students every day.

“We look forward to receiving nominations from across the country and all school sectors, and discovering some of the unsung heroes among Australia’s school leaders.”

Nominations are to be made through principals’ associations in each state and territory, and close on 31 July 2017.

Events to honour the recipients will be held in each state and territory in October and November 2017.

Set up in 2004, the awards are named in honour of John Laing, a former Tasmanian school principal who worked for PAI (the then Australian Principals Association Professional Development Council). He was the motivating force behind the innovative initiative in the early 1990s to bring principals together for national professional learning projects and programs to support their role as school leaders.

For more information about the Awards, please visit <http://pai.edu.au/content/john-laing-professional-development-awards-2017>

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About Principals Australia Institute

Principals Australia Institute (PAI) is a leading national professional services organisation providing quality professional learning, leadership development and principal certification to Australia's school leaders.

With an established network of locations in all capital cities and in regional areas, PAI delivers key frameworks, programs and services to all schools and systems across Australia.

PAI also supports the social and emotional health and wellbeing of children in thousands of Australian schools through its delivery of the Australian Government-funded KidsMatter Primary and MindMatters.

Through its relationships and connections across the education sector, it assists school leaders to achieve the best possible outcomes for themselves, their staff and their students, through ongoing professional development services and learning.

PAI provides a voice in the areas of school leadership, professional development services and Australian Principal Certification, to help raise the profile and reputation of principals in the community.

The organisation was founded in 1993 by the following principals' associations:

- Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA)
- Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA)
- Australian Secondary Principals Association (ASPA)
- Catholic Secondary Principals Australia (CaSPA)

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