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Principals Australia Institute launches 2018 John Laing Awards

Principals Australia Institute (PAI) has launched the annual John Laing Professional Development Awards for 2018 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. It celebrates 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 achieving student outcomes 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 nationally from all school sectors, and discovering some of the inspiring individuals among Australia’s school leaders.”

Nominations are to be made through principals’ associations in each state and territory, and close on 30 June 2018.

Events to honour the recipients will be held in each state and territory in October and November 2018. More information can be found on the PAI website in the coming weeks – pai.edu.au

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://www.pai.edu.au/content/john-laing-professional-development-awards-2018>

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About Principals Australia Institute

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

With an established network across the country, PAI delivers key frameworks, programs and services to all schools and systems in Australia's cities and regions.

PAI has extensive experience in supporting the social and emotional health and wellbeing of children in thousands of Australian schools, through its history in delivering the Australian Government-funded KidsMatter Primary and MindMatters frameworks. PAI was instrumental in the development and delivery of these frameworks since their inception, and continues to provide alternative whole-school mental health and wellbeing support.

Through its relationships and connections across the education sector, PAI 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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