



Education &
Communities

Cumberland Primary and Specialist Schools SAM Network

A proposal to establish
a support network for
School Administrative Managers



Background

The Cumberland Primary and Specialist Schools incorporates 25 schools offering a wide range of educational environments and opportunities. They reflect and celebrate the social and cultural diversity of the Western Sydney Region.

There is a broad spectrum of education experiences within this group – from small schools; specialist schools - such as the Children's Hospital School; right through to Westmead Public School with its large enrolment base.

The group also incorporates learning communities and national partnership programs.

Benefits and Opportunities

The proposal to establish a SAM network for this group of schools reflects a desire to support our school communities in a complex education environment.

Administrative support in schools has undergone significant change over the last 20 years and school support staff have responded positively to these changes.

A Cumberland Primary and Specialist Schools SAM Network would focus on identifying challenges; creating solutions; and embracing reform.

These objectives would be achieved by establishing

- A sustainable support network for the promotion of *Best Practice*
- Access to a strong knowledge and experience base especially for newly appointed SAMs and SAMs in isolation
- Links with other SAM networks

Through collaboration and consultation, a Cumberland Primary and Specialist Schools SAM Network would explore themes such as

- Deployment of the LMBR and post-LMBR operations
- Technology and Innovation
- Mentoring and Professional Development opportunities
- School Development Days

The SAM Network would provide feedback to the Western Sydney Regional SASS Reference Group and support principals in decision making and planning.

Timeline

Term 3, 2011

- Seek support from Cumberland Primary and Specialist School Principals
- Survey SAMs to determine structure and format
- Make connection with Regional SAM Network

Term 4, 2011

- Provide feedback on survey results
- Set agenda/date for first meeting

Term 1, 2012

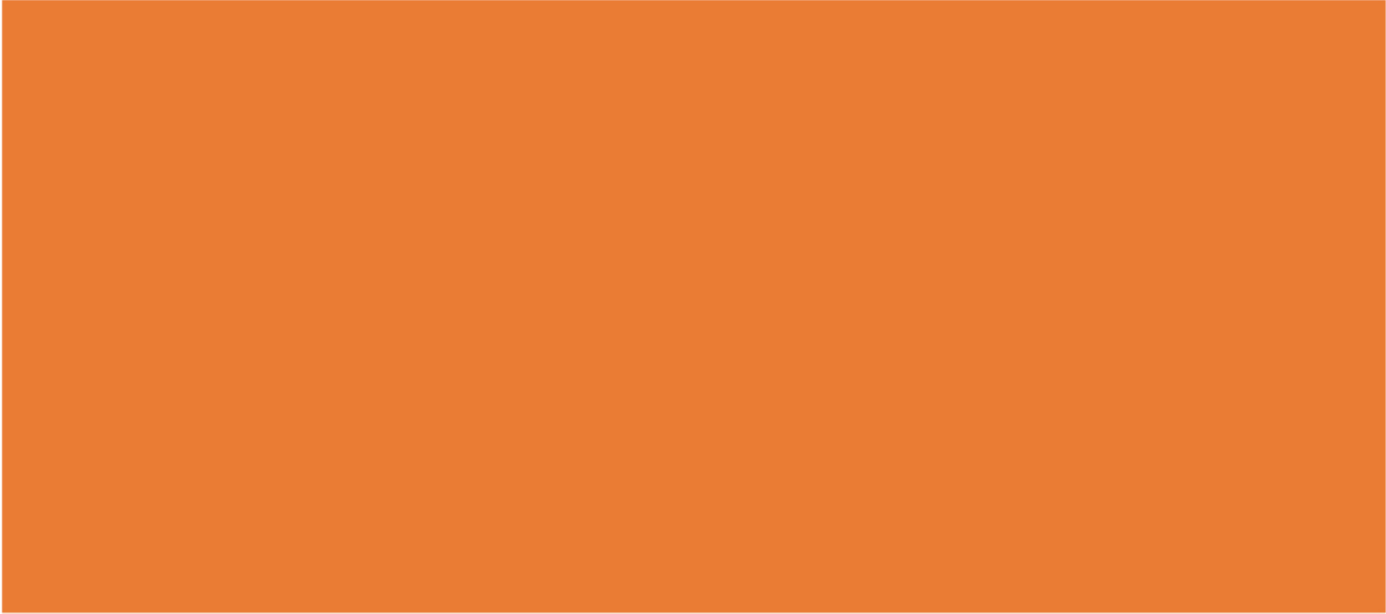
- **First Meeting**

supporting
school
communities

Cumberland Primary and Specialist Schools

Beresford Road Public School
Burnside Public School
Carlingford Public School
Carlingford West Public School
Children's Hospital School
Dundas Public School
Ermington West Public School
Girraween Public School
Greystanes Public School
Hilltop Road Public School
Oatlands Public School
Palm Avenue School
Parramatta East Public School
Parramatta North Public School
Parramatta Public School
Parramatta West Public School
Pendle Hill Public School
Redbank School
Rosehill Public School
Rowland Hassall School
Rydalmere Public School
Rydalmere East Public School
Telopea Public School
Westmead Public School
Yates Avenue Public School

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