

# THE LEARNING EXCHANGE: NEW MODELS TO TRANSFORM LEARNING

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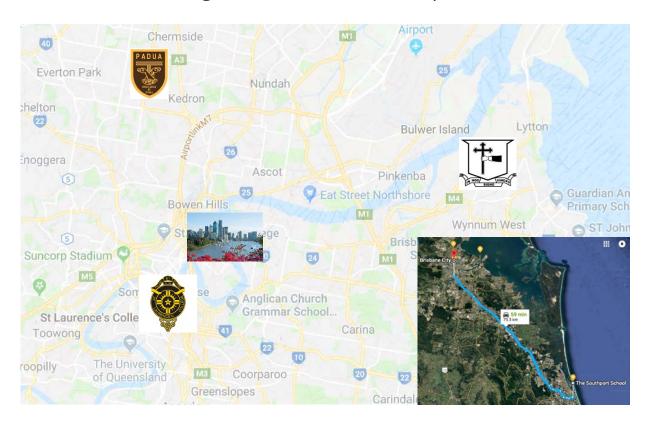




#### Introduction

The Learning Exchange is a joint venture between 3 colleges in metropolitan Brisbane, Queensland:

- Iona College, Lindum Rector: Fr Michael Twigg
- Padua College, Kedron Rector: Mr Peter Elmore
- St Laurence's College, South Brisbane Principal: Mr Chris Leadbetter





#### **About LEX**

The Learning Exchange – Institute for Excellence in Learning & Teaching:

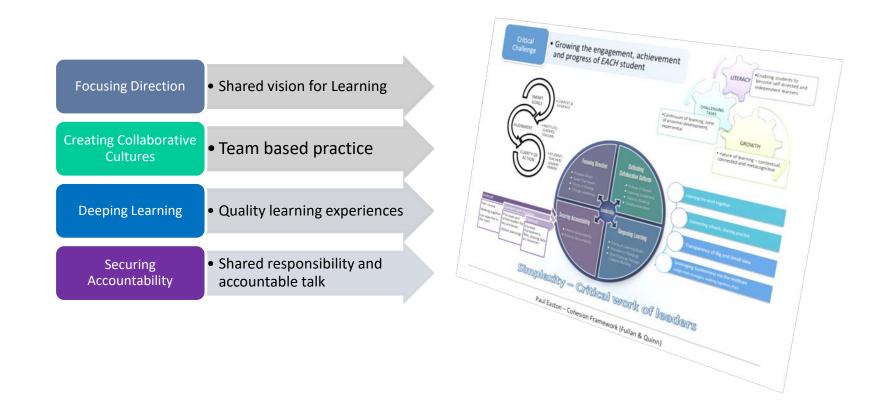
- Combined students of 4,500+ and 500+ staff
- Commenced the joint venture in September 2017 and appointed Mr Paul Easton to the position of Director
- Official Launch 18 January, 2018 at the Iona Performing Arts Complex (IPAC)



### **Coherence: The Right Drivers**



- Bringing together the expertise to meet the critical challenges at each school;
- Align what is shared and leverage resources for what is unique;
- Based on research and best practice no experiments;
- 360 degree model instilling agency & empowerment at all levels;





### Intentions

- The LEX initiative Working Together
   (Fr Michael Twigg, Rector Iona College)
- Workshop Mathematical Thinking (Mr Matt Hardy, Head of Mathematics, Yrs 5-9, Padua College)
- Being Open to Being Flexible
   (Mr Danny O'Toole, Head of Year 5,
   St Laurence's College)



### The LEX Initiative

Fr Michael Twigg (OMI) - Rector Iona College)



## **Shared Challenge**



#### Why LEX?

• Developed initiative between three schools that had an existing association and common 'critical challenge':

Critical Challenge  Growing the engagement, achievement and progress of EACH student

 Shared resources and expertise – doing more with 'less' but more importantly doing more 'differently'



### **Shared Vision**

- Improve student learning outcomes with respect to academic achievement and wellbeing;
- Develop the capacity of teachers to deliver contemporary learning experiences utilising best practice established through evidence-based research and practice.
- Develop systems of insight and analytics to empower teachers and learners to identify the next steps for learning and develop learning pathways.
- Improve the efficacy of resources invested for learning and maximize opportunities for teachers' and students' development.

## **Enacting**



Transformation – New NEW not New OLD.

- From 'traditional' to contemporary practice
- New ways of working together team based practice
- Joint projects and shared expertise to transform learning

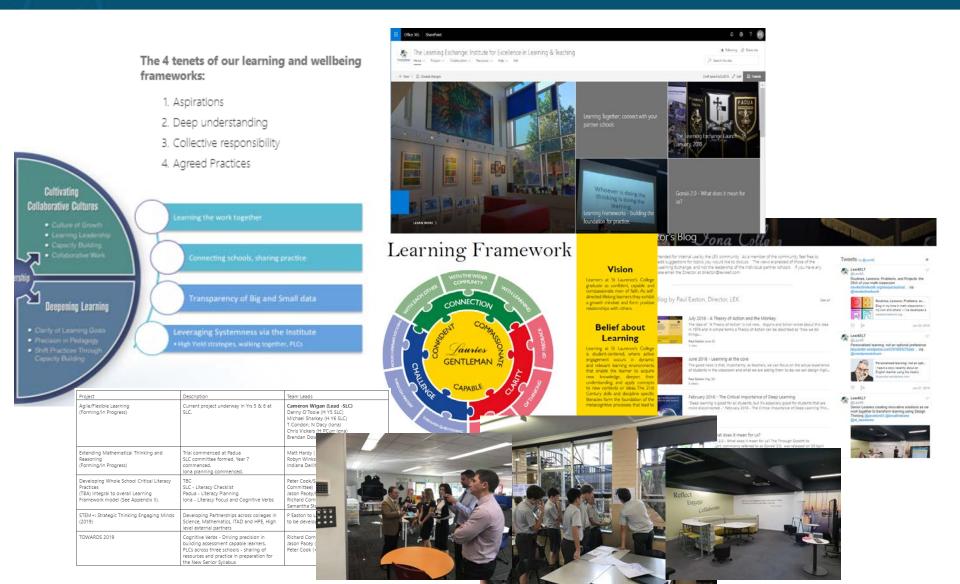


- Content
- Summative Assessment
- Standards

- Inquiry
- Assessment For and As Learning
- Continuum

## **New Ways of Working**







Mr Matt Hardy – Head of Mathematics 5-9 Padua College, Kedron





Warm-Up: Strike it Out



Player 1 Moves	Player 2 Moves

Source: https://nrich.maths.org/6589

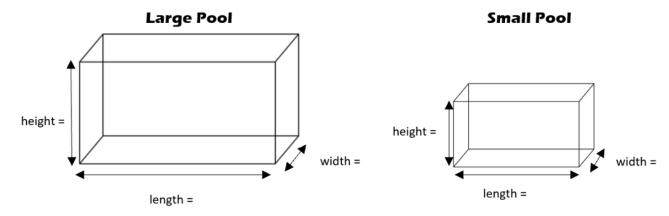


#### Main Task: Pete's Pools

You are the lead builder at Pete's Pool Constructions. Your boss (Pete) has asked you to help with the design of two new pools. You are given the following brief:

- Both pools must be rectangular-prism shaped
- •The volume of the larger pool must be exactly double the volume of the smalle r pool
- •None of the pool dimensions can be the same
- •The length of the large pool can be no more than 9 metres.

**Determine** the possible dimensions (length, width and height) of the large pool and small pool.





#### **Enabling Prompts**

- 1. How can we find the volume of a rectangular prism? Do you know the formula, or a possible strategy to calculate the volume?
- 2. The formula for the volume of a rectangular prism is:  $V = I \times W \times h$
- 3. What does it mean for one quantity to be double an other's?
- 4. Try the strategy of trial and error.



#### **Extending Prompts**

- 1. Is there more than one solution to this problem?
- 2. Can you work out a pattern or strategy?
- 3. Is your solution realistic?

**Communicate** with mathematical reasoning to **justify** your solutions.



#### Why do EMTR?

- Student-centred
- Differentiation
- Creative and critical thinkers
- Collaborative teamwork
- Personal and social skills
- Positive relationships
- Resilient learners
- Self-directed
- Self-efficacy



Source: <a href="https://www.jamesnottingham.co.uk/learning-pit/">https://www.jamesnottingham.co.uk/learning-pit/</a>



## Being Open to Being Flexible

Mr Danny O'Toole - Head of Year 5 St Laurence's College South Brisbane





### In Summary: from Theory to Practice

What we need is consistency of purpose, policy and practice. Structure and strategy are not enough. The solution requires the individual and collective ability to build shared meaning, capacity and commitment to action.

When large numbers of people have a deeply understood sense of what needs to be done and see their part in achieving that purpose - coherence emerges and powerful things happen.

(Fullan & Quinn, 2015 p.1)





## **QUESTIONS**

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