

Flagship SSLP[©] – Across the Country



The Stronger Smarter Institute is pleased to announce that we will be offering our flagship leadership program to school and community leaders in South Australia.

“It's probably the best course I have ever done through the department of education. I can't rate it highly enough. I wish every single teacher would do it.”

Teacher interviewed in 2018 about a 2013 program

The Stronger Smarter Institute is the largest Indigenous professional development Institute in the country, in terms of both numbers of graduates and reach across Australia. As an NGO we are chaired by Institute founder Dr Chris Sarra and ably coordinated by a Board of industry, national and international experts.

The **Stronger Smarter Leadership Program** aims to challenge and support school and community leaders in their pursuit of educational excellence for all students. The program engages participants to develop and enhance their leadership capacity by:

- Embracing beliefs and practices to support a positive sense of student identity,
- Understanding the importance of positive community leadership and the importance of high expectations relationships, and
- Identifying and responding effectively to current leadership challenges.

The program equips participants to actively engage the school community so that everyone understands the importance of high expectations relationships and promotes positive identities and excellence in schools.

The **Stronger Smarter Approach** promotes a strengths-based approach to improving school and community outcomes.

We are committed to fostering understandings of how to create high expectation relationship, wherein leaders are motivated to strengthen their connections with staff, students and their families and further engage their local communities.

These relationships are designed to do things with people and not to them.



200+
Programs



3400+
Participants



65,000+
Indigenous
students



965+
Schools

Hitting the heart to ignite the brain...



“Stronger Smarter is a methodology – it’s not a bolt on – it’s a part of what I do every day. It’s deeper than just a program, it’s a process ... challenging yourself ... unpacking who I was as a leader ... it’s about those meaningful connections that we make with people.”

SSLP Alumni

Australia has complex and heterogenous histories with regard to interaction with and education for Indigenous peoples. Considerable ramifications remain around determining how best to improve the educational experiences and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in complex schools across the country.

Personal Sphere

Teacher efficacy

School Sphere

Student engagement and environment for learning

Community Sphere

Spaces for authentic Indigenous voices

The success of the SSLP® comes from a focus on **transformational leadership**. To create the most impactful shifts we must ‘hit the heart to ignite the brain’. The Stronger Smarter Approach is about ‘Connecting the Spheres’: Personal, School and Community.

The SSLP® starts in the Personal Sphere, asking educators to understand the impact out-of-awareness deficit thinking might have on students and their families. Graduates then move from the Personal Sphere to grow Workplace Challenges in the School and Community Spheres that **build collective community engagement**, opening up spaces for authentic Indigenous voices.

Challenging mindsets

The success of the SSLP© comes from a program that

- ▶ provides a space of safety where educators can engage in a deep self-reflection to unpack any underlying assumptions or deficit thinking, and
- ▶ teaches and models **High-Expectations Relationships** which provide educators with the strategies to implement high expectations in their classroom, whether for attendance, behaviour or academic expectations.

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