

CHAPTER SEVEN

IMPLICATIONS AND SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS OF THIS RESEARCH

Following the Trends

The findings contained in this research report could be utilised to design and improve professional development programs for D.P.s. Support for such a belief may be found in reports of the trends in emerging patterns of the professional development of teachers as outlined by Beeson (1987 in Hughes, 1987:110). To achieve maximum positive effects and outcomes, professional development programs should:

- 1-be ongoing;
- 2-link quality teaching, quality education, curriculum development and teacher development;
- 3-be a shared responsibility involving the individual teacher and the school;
- 4-give particular attention to inservice education;
- 5-recognise that school-focussed inservice education is a powerful tool for improving the quality of teaching;
- 6-ensure collaboration and coordination between groups;
- 7-ensure that provision has been made for providing practical experiences in the inservice program;
- 8-consist of activities that focus on areas of need, and
- 9-ensure that research and development in the area are fostered.

Principles for Delivery of Inservice Professional Development

In attempting to provide activities to satisfy the needs of the D.P.s in schools, activities to be implemented should, according to Scott (1987 in Hughes, 1987:81):

- 1-be preventive rather than remedial;
- 2-focus on anticipated or expressed needs (Goodlad, 1975);
- 3-be planned in consultation with the teachers for whom they are intended to provide assistance (Moore, 1983);
- 4-include activities utilising a multiplicity of strategies;
- 5-aim to enhance the competence of teachers as a result of their being development oriented;
- 6-utilise adult learning theories (Tough,1971);
- 7-be non-threatening;
- 8-provide for evaluation of the support structures implemented (Warner and Lipke, 1981); and
- 9-provide for follow-up maintenance of the support (Warner and Lipke, 1981).

Inschool Delivery of Professional Development Activities

In discussing the following professional development needs and the implications they have for schools and D.P.s, the researcher stresses that the satisfaction of these needs must occur as the result of the delivery of assistance at the school

level. It is also important that the professional development activities delivered be seen, not as entities within themselves, but as part of a 'bigger picture' which has, as its aim, the development of the D.P.'s performance and personal competencies.

Since the conduct of this research, the NSW Dept of School Education has implemented the Scott Review Recommendations and has devolved the role of professional development to the school level (along with the funds to support activities). The researcher has noted that activities are now concentrated mainly at school, cluster, Educational Resource Centre and regional levels. The courses delivered at regional levels often take the form of 'one-off' or conference-type courses. At cluster and Educational Resource Centre level, courses are often designed specifically to fulfil an expressed need or are delivered as part of the meeting of collegial groups. School level courses tend to be focussed specifically on teaching procedures. Of major significance has been the development of the 'Certificate of School Leadership and Management' which involves school leaders from all levels of executive undertaking collegial courses in a workshop situation, but which requires each of them to develop and undertake further activities in their own schools. Response to the course has been quite favourable, probably as a result of its composition which combines both theory and practice and which relates the course specifically to the participants' schools.

This researcher believes, that whilst the professional development needs delineated would all best be met at school level, such an undertaking would place burdens on the school situation. There is, however, a need to provide courses at cluster and Educational Resource Centre levels that would provide prospective D.P.s with experiences focused upon and activities relevant to contemporary theory in the areas delineated. Additionally, such courses would need to have a practical component that would enable the prospective D.P. to explore the practicalities of the theoretical views and to report back to the collegial group that would have grown out of the course implemented. This is not to suggest that there be a number of interest groups related to, for example, curriculum development, but rather that all professional development courses have a school-based component that the prospective D.P. has to explore and then report upon to the collegial group. The follow-up/reporting and discussion sessions would witness the end of the particular 'task force' and would provide a way for various individuals to develop support groups.

The delivery of the professional development activities to meet the needs outlined earlier in this report should:

- 1-be provided to develop competencies to prospective D.P.s;
- 2-have a school-related content;
- 3-be developmental and accessible at various times;
- 4-be based on contemporary theory;
- 5-be delivered in response to needs;

- 6-have action-research based components; and
- 7-be part of the development of a total pool of competencies possessed by the D.P.

The Professional Development Needs of D.P.s

The development of the the total bank of abilities that would facilitate the D.P.s' functioning in the role would not be a realistic goal in the period of the D.P.s' first ten weeks of service. It would appear that there is a need to ensure that development of the competencies to satisfy the outlined professional development needs occurs, in the majority of circumstances, prior to the D.P. assuming the new position. It is also considered that if the D.P. is to begin fulfilling the role from the first day of duty, there needs to be a period of familiarisation, prior to entry on duty, when the D.P. is able to conduct a situational analysis and to experience in some way, the functioning of the school and the operation of those within it. It would also appear that, as the D.P. enters into the new position, there needs to be a period of induction that allows the D.P. to 'settle into' the office and to bring the skills and competencies discussed into action and to 'tailor them' to the school environment. This period of induction would perhaps be facilitated if, during the familiarisation period, the D.P. was able to develop a set of goals, plans or programs to be implemented during the first ten weeks and which would indicate

to all within the school, the directions the D.P. intended to take.

In the following outline of the implications of the research findings, each of the areas includes a summary of the possible professional development needs, an indication of the best possible time to attempt to satisfy each need and the implications that may exist for any inschool professional development program. Lists of possible ways to address the needs at inschool level are not exhaustive (the consideration of possible ways of addressing these will be the subject of further research, suggested later in this chapter) but they do suggest a possible way in which the matter might be approached.

1-Implications Relevant To Expected or Predicted Needs

Implications relevant to the expected or predicted needs in the area of effective teaching and curriculum development indicate that it would be essential that D.P.s, prior to assuming their new role, develop understandings of and competencies in those areas listed in Table 12. During the first ten weeks of service, it would become the role of the inschool professional development program to assist the D.P. to investigate the need for programs to address the needs of specific groups of students, gain understanding of and prepare recommendations for future curriculum development programs and become conversant with the school approach to teaching/learning programs and practices. It is imperative that the D.P., to

establish and maintain credibility, demonstrates the ability to be an effective educator, able to interact with students and displays an understanding of the students as well as the ability to bring expertise to the teaching/learning situation.

Implications relevant to expected or predicted needs in the area of effective staff development practices include the fact that, once again, it would be sound theory and practice to ensure that any D.P. to be appointed to a school be given a firm foundational understanding of the practice of various approaches to staff development. As this area of operation will witness the D.P.'s direct interaction with the work of the other staff, it is crucial that all activities are effective and efficient and that they achieve their goals as harmoniously as possible. The research findings indicated that the D.P.s should have developed abilities to include those displayed in Table 12. Development of the D.P.'s competencies in this area once again need to be undertaken prior to entry as a D.P. If there has been professional development delivered, and if the D.P. has developed competencies in this area, the way ahead would be, once again, via a familiarisation and induction process that would enable the D.P. to become conversant with the structures within the school. It is suggested that during the period prior to entry and during the first few weeks of duty in the D.P. role, the inschool activities should involve the D.P. in spending time to investigate staff backgrounds and expertise and the systems currently in place to monitor human resources.

Implications relevant to expected or predicted needs in the area of interpersonal relationship and management skills as shown in Table 12 indicate that D.P.s should be informed of what support networks exist and the appropriate methods available for accessing them.

Implications relevant to expected or predicted needs in the area of administrative and organisation skills, as listed in Table 12, relate specifically to providing a set organisational pattern. It would be possible to provide a course or courses on the various ways these administrative structures could be put in place and the relative advantages and disadvantages of each. It is proposed, that in the case of these procedures there would, once again, be a need for the D.P.s to attend courses at a local level and then be able to investigate the practice of such courses at school level.

2-Implications Relevant to Potential Professional Development Needs

As revealed in Tables 12 and 13, there is a commonality between the Expected or Predicted Professional Development Needs and the Potential Needs that have been identified. Firstly, the needs can be placed in similar categories. Secondly, whilst the individual responses indicate similarities between the two groups, after they have been categorised there is once again an indication that the majority of the professional development needs that have been identified, indicate a desire by the D.P.

to, or expectations of others for the D.P. to implement an educational leadership role. Many of the competencies desired (and as listed in Table 13) might be developed as a result of the implementation of activities to address the needs as outlined in Table 12.

Implications relevant to the potential needs in the area of effective teaching and curriculum development (as listed in Table 13) will be related to development of specific programs and curricula to meet the needs of particular groups of students. The development of exemplary teaching skills could be developed through practice and a peer development process at school level. Other competencies, if the D.P. has not had previous experience with them, could be developed through a program that would enable the D.P. to visit other schools and to develop awareness through a collegial group. This would enable the D.P. to call upon past experiences in undertaking a process of familiarisation with special programs at school level. The undertaking of situational and needs analyses are skills that the researcher believes are not practised proficiently and which might be developed, once again through the delivery of a theoretical course with a significant school-based action research follow-up.

Implications relevant to potential needs in the area of effective staff development practices (as indicated in Table 13) relate to effecting change, developing roles and establishing professional development practices. The implications here are

that D.P.s need to have a strong theoretical background to these comprehensive areas of school operations. The researcher considers that these are both goals of and prerequisites for effective school development. Aspirant D.P.s should be given opportunity to develop expertise in these areas prior to beginning in the role. It would also appear to be prudent for the Principal to work closely with an incoming D.P. to ensure that this crucial area was handled sensitively and that the human resources were developed to complement efforts to achieve the school's goals.

Implications relevant to potential needs in the area of interpersonal relationship and management skills (as indicated in Table 13) indicate that it would be wise for any prospective D.P. to approach the development of these skills in the position occupied prior to undertaking the role as D.P. This would probably be in the Assistant Principal position. The findings herein indicate that D.P.s need to have developed time management skills, effective communication skills and to practise effective interpersonal relationship skills. The need to be flexible is perhaps much more global than it first appears, in that it would include not merely being approachable, understanding, a good listener, and other humanistic attributes, but would also include various skills such as attentive listening, conflict resolution and avoidance, assertive behaviours and other such abilities that may be developed. To assist the D.P. to develop these skills, it is suggested that

the inschool program would need to provide a method for the D.P. to receive feedback about interpersonal skills as noted by those with whom the D.P. interacts. Once again, there is a need for the delivery of a theoretical base supported by application of various practices in the school environment. The development of time management at the school level could be undertaken through the implementation of a monitored performance agreement.

The listed competencies indicated are very clearly personality-based abilities and capacities that cannot be 'taught' in an isolated fashion. It is necessary that these capacities are assimilated into the D.P.'s interpersonal qualities and capacities prior to entering duty. The development of negotiation and communicating skills would best be undertaken in collegial groups where personnel could discuss problems experienced and practise implementing the skills necessary. In dealing with the 'crisis-type' situations, it would once again be advantageous to provide aspirant D.P.s with theoretical and workshop experiences to explore the possible situations they might encounter, as well as providing them with the necessary decision-making experiences.

It would, however, be most beneficial for the D.P. to have the benefit of either a peer professional development program within the school, or to be directly and indirectly, formally and informally monitored by the Principal and provided with feedback relating to the efficacy of the interpersonal skills being implemented.

Implications relevant to potential needs in the area of administrative and organisation skills (as listed in Table 13) were related to financial administration, departmental policies and outside agencies that could assist the school. The area of budgeting and financial management, whilst restricted by the financial procedures that are mandatory within the Department of School Education, are still areas where the prospective D.P. may utilise strategies to implement the various procedures. The need for awareness of departmental policies and outside agencies could be satisfied by the delivery of inservice courses or via the development of networks and directories for them, to enable D.P.s who are unaware of possible answers to be able to access a quick and easy reference source. Additionally, it would be possible through a regular newsletter, to keep D.P.s aware of what advances are being made in these areas. At present, the Department of School Education provides a number of newsletters and bulletins to schools on countless topics, but these often do not reach the D.P.s or other personnel for whom they are intended, suggesting a need therefore for a specific source of information flow to D.P.s.

3-Implications Relevant to Emergent Professional Development Needs of a Specific Nature

In analysing data in this area and considering the implications arising from it, it is important to remember that the various aspects of professional development needs considered

were, by their very nature, unique in many ways and peculiar to a certain situation. In view of this, it is not feasible to assume that all D.P.s should be given access to activities to address all possible emergent professional development needs as they could, in the main, be irrelevant. Many of the areas considered in the discussion of potential professional development needs appeared again as competencies to be developed to meet professional development needs of an emergent nature. For this reason, the researcher will outline only those implications that would appear to be different from those covered in earlier sections.

Implications relevant to emergent, specific professional needs in the area of effective teaching and curriculum development were related to indications that there was a definite desire to implement an educational leadership role. It would be more difficult for D.P.s (Primary) who were responsible for the full-time teaching of a class to fulfil expectations in this and other areas as the D.P.s' first responsibility would, of necessity be to the classes they taught. A significant response in this area alluded to the expectation that D.P.s should be teachers able to counsel students and to deal with various kinds of discipline problems. It could be expected that all D.P.s should be able to display a certain degree of proficiency in this area. It would, however, be wise to include in any professional development activities designed to increase competencies in this area, activities to keep D.P.s aware of the

support agencies available to them. These would include counsellors, Home-School Liaison Officers, Senior Guidance Officers, Itinerant Support Teachers (Behaviour) and other such specialist staff who are able to provide the support and expertise necessary if the D.P. is to pursue other long-term goals.

It is acknowledged here that a major source of professional development could also be gained through the development of the peer support networks that could operate at cluster and local levels.

Implications relevant to emergent, specific professional needs in the area of effective staff development practices, as indicated by responses listed in Table 14, are of a different nature from those discussed in the teaching area. The professional development competencies that were sought or expected tended to indicate a need for specific competencies in dealing with particular groups of teachers or in undertaking major initiatives in the development of school renewal plans.

The implications of the expected provision of higher order competencies highlights the needs for D.P.s to be given access to courses aimed at developing specific competencies in the period prior to undertaking the D.P. role. Other implications could include the development of access to resource personnel, support networks, feedback from others in the school and a familiarisation period before beginning the role. The area of professional development of other staff is considered to be as

important as the area of teaching and curriculum development and will therefore require a high level of competency from the D.P.

When considering the professional development of specific groups of personnel, it is also important that the D.P. be given the opportunity to gain access to the support networks that provide professional development to these personnel to ensure there is a nexus between the efforts of both groups. In undertaking the role of developing staff to begin the school renewal/development process, it would be of benefit to the D.P. to be given access to professional development activities that would provide an education in the theoretical areas of the process, whilst in the early phases of the undertaking, it would be beneficial to the D.P. to have access to support personnel (from peer or specialist groups) who could provide inservice assistance in the early phases of the process. Underlying all endeavours in these aspects is an understanding that the Principal will be providing constant assistance and feedback pertinent to the program in place.

Implications relevant to emergent, specific professional needs in the area of interpersonal relationship and management skills (as listed in Table 14) relate mainly to the selection of and development of D.P.s. The competencies that were analysed point to the need for D.P.s to be effective communicators, positive, motivated, informal at times, involved in activities across the school and open-minded and accepting of positive criticism and the opportunity to develop further. The

development of these abilities cannot be achieved overnight, nor through the delivery of a number of short inservice courses. It may in fact be possible to outline to D.P.s the various interpersonal qualities that would be expected of them and which would assist them to achieve their goals. It is paramount, however, that they do have access to an inschool person who can provide them with objective feedback on how others perceive them and the effects their actions appear to have on others.

Two other points highlighted in this area are significant in terms of the implications they create. Firstly, the data led the researcher to believe that many D.P.s experienced problems with the concept of 'role overload'. The implications here are that the Principal or school executive need to ensure that all areas of school operations are catered for in the roles of all school personnel, that these roles are monitored and that processes are put in place to ensure that no individual's role is allowed to become unmanageable. This would also require D.P.s to have a sound understanding of roles and how to delineate and monitor them that would best be developed whilst the D.P.s were still aspiring to the position. Secondly, underpinning the interpersonal competencies expected and requiring development would be the D.P.'s ability to negotiate and consult, and to be able to successfully exploit and defuse conflict situations. The development of these qualities could be monitored and a development program placed in train whilst the D.P. was still in the position of aspiring to become a D.P. The development of

these skills could be monitored through an inschool professional development program that focused specifically upon the skills that were either needed or which were considered by the D.P. possible to be enhanced. The implications would also include the fact that the Principal is considered to be a person capable of providing this development.

Implications relevant to emergent, specific professional development needs in the area of administrative and organisation skills (as listed in Table 14) are similar to those outlined in the section related to Probable Professional Development Needs. It would appear again that the most relevant implication would be for the D.P. to have access to an inschool peer or superordinate. This person could provide feedback on the goals set in this area and ensure that the D.P. has the opportunity to develop an understanding of the crucial nature of the educational leadership role. Additionally, this person could ensure that aspects that relate specifically to organisation and administration are seen as processes that will assist the school to attain its educational role, rather than to establish it as an administrative or organisational entity.

Implications Arising from Analysis of the ways in Which D.P.s Received Professional Development

Consideration of the ways in which D.P.s sought and received professional development revealed that D.P.s:

1-seek relevant, needs-based activities;

- 2-are willing to work at activities within their own school setting;
- 3-prefer to work in small 'task-type' groups;
- 4-are willing to undertake self-analysis;
- 5-are willing to attend courses in out-of-school hours; and most importantly,
- 6-as a group are keen to develop their professional competencies.

The implications of these findings are that D.P.s are entitled to professional development activities that:

- 1-are programmed, planned and needs-based;
- 2-utilise a variety of delivery approaches;
- 3-are developed over time, prior to and into the period of fulfilling the D.P. role;
- 4-are essentially school-based; and
- 5-are rational and realistic in nature.

Conclusions Relating To The Delivery Of Inschool Professional Development Activities to D.P.s

The professional development programs designed for D.P.s need to be, as discussed previously, both needs-based and ongoing, beginning with the D.P. as aspirant and continuing through the period in which the D.P. fulfils the role and is promoted to the next position. In this regard, it is crucial that the professional development be seen as a source of preparing the D.P. for the position, sustaining the D.P. whilst

in the position and as a way of extending the D.P.'s competencies as preparation for promotion to a new position.

This researcher proposes, in light of the data analysed, that there is a need for:

- 1-all D.P.s to be involved in a professional development program that will prepare them for the position, sustain them in it, and prepare them for the next role;
- 2-school-based support and guidance to be provided by a peer or superior;
- 3-delivery of programmed activities based on needs;
- 4-D.P.s to receive feedback on their performance;
- 5-D.P.s to be able to develop both their performance and personal professional development spheres;
- 6-the incorporation of a system to enable D.P.s, after being appointed, to experience and become familiar with their new roles before being expected to operate in them;
- 7-D.P.s to be encouraged to seek and achieve educational leadership roles; and
- 8-D.P.s to develop formal, collegial groups that meet regularly to develop programs to satisfy their own professional development needs.

Summary of Findings

The findings of this study have highlighted the need for ongoing research in the area of professional development within N.S.W. primary schools. Schools are currently in a state of

change and the processes associated with the selection of school administrators are evolving. The factors that influence the teaching/learning and curriculum processes and professional development processes in schools are changing and their impact upon schools ensure the existence of an ongoing need to be conversant with the qualities required of school administrators. These indicate their professional development needs. The realisation of the aims and objectives in this research, the collation of the findings and the recommendations for further research will, it is expected, assist the professional development of D.P.s and the furtherance of schools and education generally.

The findings of this study may be summarised thus:

- 1-newly-appointed D.P.s have generic and specific professional development needs;
 - 2-there is a need for the professional development of D.P.s to be oriented towards the development of the qualities of educational leadership behaviours, attitudes and values that will be supported by effective and efficient managerial functions;
 - 3-there is a need for the development of planned professional development activities for D.P.s that are based upon the perceived needs they have;
 - 4-a planned program of development should include activities whilst the D.P. is still in the aspirant stage;
- and

5-the roles undertaken by D.P.s often equate to those fulfilled by Principals, highlighting the need for aspirants to be aware of the role to which they aspire and to the need for an induction process at school level that will be delivered and supported by the Principal.

Achievement of Major and Minor Aims

The researcher has achieved the major and minor aims as proposed at the commencement of the study.

The Major Aims were concerned with the identification of professional development needs, the methods utilised by D.P.s to satisfy these needs both prior to and during the early period of service in the new role and the identification of factors that are common to D.P.s in their needs and which could be addressed via the delivery of inschool professional development programs were realised.

The Minor Aims, relating to identification of issues, to delineation of common issues, to specific issues and the origins of both, along with the D.P.s' abilities to deal with them adequately formed a major source of information for the identification and categorisation of professional development needs.

Minor Aims relating to role expectations were, in the case of Principals' perceptions, realised, in that Principals were seen to hold either general or 'open' expectations. In terms of specific role responsibilities, however, this was not achieved

as the practices in schools tended to be away from an approach of this kind. It was possible and the study did successfully establish the D.P.s' expectations prior to and after entry to the role. Whilst a specific discussion of roles as an entity was not undertaken, the implications they had for professional development were investigated as role expectations common to samples and specific to certain situations were explored.

Minor Aims related to the proposal of a professional development framework have been realised along with suggestions as to how and when professional development should occur, and possible topics for inclusion.

Recommendations for Future Research

As a result of the completion of this study, the author would suggest that there is a need to undertake specific research in the area of junior executive (Assistant Principals and Executive Teachers) within schools, as well as to address concerns towards the area of the roles fulfilled by the newly-established position of Advanced Skills Teacher.

It is now also possible to undertake research that would utilise the results of this study by applying the implications concerning the recommendations of possible ways in which the professional development needs of aspiring D.P.s could be addressed and professional development achieved. Arising out of this study is also the question of the professional development of the participating D.P.s. It would have been of advantage to

have 'tracked' these D.P.s over a period of time, to record their professional development and their subsequent career paths and degree of success in those paths.

The literature reviewed also provides possible suggestions for avenues of further research. Greenfield, Marshall and Reed (1986) outlined a number of areas that should be considered for further research in the area of the D.P. and actually suggest that the D.P.'s role is one area worthy of research. In following the ideas of Hart (1986), it is recommended that future research be considered that would investigate the succession stage of the D.P.'s operation in the D.P. role

In assisting the D.P.s to work towards the role of Principal, it is considered that a study similar to that of Shoemaker and Fraser (1981) will need to be undertaken to ascertain the roles of Principals in light of the implementation of the Scott and Carrick Committees' recommendations and the delivery of professional development activities to D.P.s.

It is also suggested that there is a need to investigate any possible increases required in attending to the technical considerations and the possibility that in attending to these aspects, activities are continuing to divert D.P.s from educational leadership. In concluding, the researcher sees a need in light of the proposed introduction of possible performance agreements, to initiate research to ascertain the degree to which both professional development and personal needs are being addressed. Most importantly, in the light of changes

occurring within the N.S.W. Department of Education, it will be beneficial to the progress of the system if the many aspects of the change process affecting the human factor - the students, teachers and parents - are investigated as appropriate to their situations.

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LETTER TO PRINCIPALS

Dear Principal,

I am writing to you to obtain your permission to conduct research in your school.

As you are aware, a new Deputy Principal will soon enter duty in your school. The research I am conducting is to focus on " Analysis of the In-School Professional Development Needs of Newly-Appointed Deputy Principals in N.S.W. Primary Schools."

The project is not intended to encroach in any way upon day-to-day activities of your school. A copy of the research proposal, will be available for your information. All information, including; personnel and schools participating, issues and incidents, findings and outcomes will be kept strictly anonymous. The project will involve approximately ten Deputy Principals in the Metropolitan South-West Region. Your school will receive a copy of the research report, along with findings and recommendations.

This research project has both N S W Education Department and Metropolitan South West Region approval (a photocopy of the letter of approval from Management Information Services is enclosed).

I would like to discuss the proposed research project further with you. I will contact you during Week One Term 4, 1988 to arrange a time convenient to you for me to visit your school and discuss the project.

Looking forward to talking to you,

Yours faithfully,

Doug Meaney

LETTER TO DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Dear Future Deputy Principal,

Congratulations on your recent promotion!

I am writing to you to request your participation in a research project to be undertaken in Terms One and Two, next year.

As you are aware, you will be one of a number of newly-appointed Deputy Principals in the Metropolitan South-West Region. The research project I am undertaking will focus on " Analysis of the In-School Professional Development Needs of Newly-Appointed Deputy Principals in N.S.W. Primary Schools."

A copy of the research proposal will be available for your information. All information, including; personnel and schools participating, issues and incidents, findings and outcomes will be kept strictly anonymous. The project will involve approximately ten Deputy Principals in the Metropolitan South-West Region.

The aim of the project is to examine the incidents and issues confronting Deputy Principals in their first two terms of service in their new position. Information analysed will be used to make recommendations for school-based professional development programs for Deputy Principals.

Your involvement in the project will not encroach in anyway upon your day-to-day activities and will not involve you in any unnecessary, additional activities. You will receive a copy of the research report, along with findings and recommendations.

This research project has both N S W Education Department and Metropolitan South West Region approval (a photocopy of the letter of approval from Management Information Services is enclosed).

I would like to discuss the proposed research project further with you. I will contact you during Week One, Term One 1989 to arrange a time convenient to you to discuss the project.

Looking forward to talking with you,

Yours faithfully,

Doug Meaney

INTERVIEW GUIDE
ANTICIPATED ROLE EXPECTATIONS
PRINCIPALS

Respondent Number.....

1. Please outline the role expectations (i.e., in terms of tasks the incoming D P was expected to undertake) that were held for the incoming D.P. and which would be influenced by:

-the principal

-staff

-students

-parents

2.What Professional Development (i.e. skills and abilities), either from formal activities or from experience, did you expect the incoming D P would have received as preparation for duty as a newly-appointed D.P. in schools generally?

3.Is there a school-based inservice professional development program to assist the incoming D.P.?

4.If the answer to Qn.3 was yes, please outline the activities that the incoming D.P. will experience in the first 10 weeks of service and how these are designed to assist the D P. to fulfil the D.P. role.

5.What potentially problematic issues and incidents do you consider the incoming D.P. may encounter?

6. What other points would you like to make regarding the position of D.P. and:
*role performance,

*professional development programs at in-school level,

*incidents and issues that might arise or be considered to be seen as problems,

*the first ten weeks of service in the D.P. position?

SURVEY
PRIOR/PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
RECEIVED RECORD
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Number.....

Please list on the attached survey sheet, any professional development activities provided for/to you at School, District or Regional level.

List only those activities that you consider were either directly or indirectly designed to assist you to perform the D.P.'s role you assumed.

(Please include activities in the last two years only.)

Please do not include minute details, but rather, a list of discussion points that we will talk about soon.

The headings of;

Name of Activity	Brief Description	Level of Delivery
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How This Activity Might Assist You

Headings are intended as guidelines only, if you wish to add or delete headings, please do so, as this survey is only designed to provide a source for our later discussions.

SURVEY
ANTICIPATED ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES
-DEPUTY PRINCIPALS-

Deputy Principal Number.....

Please list under the following headings, the Role responsibilities you anticipate (or which you did anticipate) you would assume (or still will assume) after entering on duty as a Deputy Principal (please include any responsibilities you anticipate you may acquire during your first 10 weeks of service).

Once again, there is only a need to make brief notes here as these notes will form the basis for discussions regarding your roles and responsibilities.

ROLE RESPONSIBILITY/IES

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department/Area Administrator

Other/s
(Please specify)

SURVEY
ASSUMED ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES
-DEPUTY PRINCIPALS-

Deputy Principal Number.....

Having served four weeks of your first appointment as Deputy Principal, please revise your anticipated role responsibilities and list below the actual role responsibilities you have assumed or have had delegated to you in the past ten weeks.

Once again, there is only a need to make brief notes here as these notes will form the basis for discussions regarding your roles and responsibilities.

ROLE RESPONSIBILITY/IES

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department/Area Administrator

Other/s
(Please specify)

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AND INCIDENTS
(WEEKS _____ TO _____ INCLUSIVE)

Issue/Incident	Priority	Activities Implemented To Address The Issue/Incident
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SURVEY
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES RECEIVED
FIRST TEN WEEKS OF SERVICE
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Please list below, any professional development activities provided for/to you at School, District or Regional level during your first ten weeks of service. List all activities that you consider were either directly or indirectly designed to assist you to perform the D.P.s role you have assumed.

Name of Activity	Brief Description	Level of Delivery	How This Activity Helped You
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SURVEY
ANTICIPATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
PRINCIPALS

Principal Number.....

1. What do you feel the incoming D.P.s professional development needs might be in the first few months of service in the following areas;

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department Administrator

Other

(Please specify)

INTERVIEW GUIDE
ANTICIPATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
SPECIFIC AREAS
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Deputy Principal Number.....

What do you feel your professional development needs might be in the following areas, during the first ten weeks of your service as a D.P.;

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department Administrator

Other (Please specify)

INTERVIEW GUIDE
EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES RECEIVED
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Deputy Principal Number.....

Would you please outline the professional development activities delivered to you prior to your assuming the D.P.s role and discuss your perceptions of their effectiveness in preparing you to undertake the new role. It may assist you if we consider the activities delivered in terms of your operations in the areas of;
Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department Administrator

Other (Please specify)

INTERVIEW GUIDE
EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES RECEIVED
PRINCIPALS

Principal Number.....

How well do you feel the professional development activities received by your D P prior to taking up the position has prepared the D P in the areas of operation that include:
Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department Administrator

Other
(Please specify)

INTERVIEW GUIDE
ANTICIPATED ROLE EXPECTATIONS
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Deputy Principal Number.....

1. What do you perceive were the role expectations (i.e., what tasks do you perceive you were expected to undertake) held for you as the incoming D.P. by;

-the principal

-staff

-students

-parents

2. What Professional Development (i.e. skills and abilities or other general competencies), either from formal activities or from experience, do you expect you would have received as the incoming D.P. and as preparation for your new position?

3. Is there a school-based inservice professional development program to assist you as the incoming D.P.?

4. If the answer to Qn.3 was yes, please outline the activities that you as the incoming D.P. will experience in the first 10 weeks of service and how these are designed to assist you.

5. What potentially problematic issues and incidents do you consider that you as the incoming D.P. may encounter?

6. What other points would you like to make regarding your position as D.P. and;

*role performance,

*professional development programs at in-school level,

*incidents and issues encountered in the first ten weeks of service in the D.P. position?

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SURVEY
ANTICIPATED ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES
-PRINCIPALS-

Principal Response Number.....

Please list below, the Role responsibilities it was anticipated the incoming D P would assume (or still will assume) after entering on duty as a Deputy Principal in 1989 (please include any responsibilities the D P may acquire during the first 10 weeks of service). We will use list to discuss the possible professional development needs the D.P. may have as a result of being responsible for these roles.

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITY/IES
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Teacher	
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Student Welfare	
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Staff Developer	
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Supervisor	
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Community Involvement	
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Curriculum Developer	
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School Administrator	
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Department Administrator	
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Other (Please specify)	
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INTERVIEW GUIDE
THE SCHOOL SETTING
-PRINCIPALS AND DEPUTY PRINCIPALS-

Please discuss/outline your school setting/environment using the following headings as a guide. Please include any additional aspects you believe to be important.

STUDENTS

- Number
- Transport to and from school
- Special needs
- Diversity (NESSB, Special Ed, etc)
- Aspirations
- Home backgrounds
- Community background
- School involvement
- Aspirations

TEACHERS

- Number (beginning, Certificated; List Placement, Promotion Aspirant)
- Classroom and Supplementary
- Aspirations
- Special Talents

GENERAL

- Age
- Special Needs (e.g. DSP)
- Growth Patterns
- Organisation
- Physical Factors of Significance (e.g. layout, demountables)
- Tone/Culture
- Developmental Processes

NEEDS ANALYSIS

OTHER/S

In terms of the points made in discussing the above aspects of the school, what specific competencies and hence possible professional development needs might the incoming D.P. have?

SURVEY
EXPRESSED PERCEPTIONS OF IMMEDIATE PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
-DEPUTY PRINCIPALS-

Deputy Principal Number.....

Please list under the following headings, any professional development needs you believe you could have benefited from had they have been delivered during or prior to your undertaking of the D.P. role. Once again, there is only a need to make brief notes here as these notes will form the basis for discussions regarding your roles and responsibilities.

ROLE

RESPONSIBILITY/IES

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department/Area Administrator

Other/s

(Please specify)

SURVEY
EXPRESSED PERCEPTIONS OF FUTURE
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Deputy Principal Number.....

Please list under the following headings, any future professional development needs you believe you might have and as a result of the delivery of activities to assist you to develop competencies in the areas outlined, will benefit from as a result of their being delivered to you. These activities might relate to your D.P.role or to any other role in which you believe you might find yourself. Once again, there is only a need to make brief notes here as these notes will form the basis for discussions regarding your roles and responsibilities.

ROLE

RESPONSIBILITY/IES

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department/Area Administrator

Other/s

(Please specify)

SURVEY
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES EXPERIENCED BY D.P.'s
 IN THE FIRST TEN WEEKS OF SERVICE
 -DEPUTY PRINCIPALS-

Deputy Principal Number.....

Please list under the following headings, any professional development activities experienced by you during the first ten weeks of your service as a D.P. Please asterisk any activities that were provided by your Principal. Once again, there is only a need to make brief notes here as these notes will form the basis for discussions regarding your roles and responsibilities.

ROLE

RESPONSIBILITY/IES

Teacher

Student Welfare

Staff Developer

Supervisor

Community Involvement

Curriculum Developer

School Administrator

Department/Area Administrator

Other/s

(Please specify)

INTERVIEWS/SURVEYS PROGRESS GUIDE

Respondent Number.....
Activity

Preliminary Steps

Phone calls-to both D.P.s and Principals to alert them of letter to introduce project and seek serious consideration for their inclusion in the project.

Pre-Implementation Phase

Presentation of letter of Departmental approval.
Overview of project.
Administering of first interview surveys.(both D.P.s and Principals.)
Signing of Agreement to Participate (both D.P.s and Principals).
Explanation of Diary and sample outline.

Research Data Collection Implementation

1.During Week Two-Discussion with D.P.s to ensure diary is working and to present and discuss survey regarding revised Role responsibilities assigned.

2.During Week Ten-Discussion with D.P.s to;
-discuss changes in Role Responsibilities over 10 week period.
-interview D.P.s to discuss the professional development activities delivered to them and the relationship of these activities in assisting them. Areas considered to include;

A)Courses
B)In-school assistance-Supervision, Incidental
C)Tertiary Study
D)Others