



***What we learnt during the pandemic with a very large 'system'***  
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### ***Biography***

Paul is the Acting Executive Director, Literacy and Numeracy, COVID Intensive Learning Support Taskforce Lead. Paul's has been a teacher, principal of three schools and system leader of educational programs at a state-wide level. In all roles Paul has been committed to improving the learning outcomes of all students. Paul is committed to educational leadership, student equity and inclusion and the use of evidence informed practice. In 2020, Paul was the Director, Curriculum in the Department's COVID-19 Continuity of Education Taskforce, leading the Department's curriculum response to Learning from Home. Paul is currently leading the statewide small group tuition program to boost the learning of students most impacted by the challenges of 2020.

Paul was recently awarded the Public Service Medal in the Australia Day Honours list in 2021 for his leadership of the state-wide curriculum support for schools through the COVID-19 pandemic. Paul has a PhD in educational leadership from the University of Sydney.

