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Who are the movers and shakers in education in Australia? Who are the pioneers? For the second year in a row, *The Educator* shines a spotlight on 40 individuals leading the way in the field

WELCOME TO *The Educator's* second annual Hot List. It's an unenviable task compiling a definitive list of the true leaders in this space, given the abundance of excellent work being undertaken across the country to enrich the educational experiences of K-12 students. So we once again turned to readers, asking for your submissions as to who warrants a place on this prestigious list.

We've been overwhelmed by the response that we received. It attests to the outstanding efforts of those

working in a broad range of educational institutions across Australia. In the end, the team at *The Educator* selected 40 individuals, who are profiled on the pages that follow.

Some readers may firmly agree with the inclusion of particular educators, while others may shake their heads in disbelief at the omission of an individual they believe well and truly fits the bill. Feel free to email your comments to the editorial team.

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PETER SUTTON

Social and business strategy
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Peter Sutton is a social media adviser, author and educator who is devoted to assisting schools in harnessing the power of social media for good. Over the past five years, he has worked with more than 250 schools to help them minimise the risks associated with social media use, while building strong connections with their local communities. Sutton's work involves educating those schools on the impact social media can have on organisations, and on how its use can lead to positive outcomes for the school community. For Sutton, it's about creating a space for schools to celebrate their impressive achievements.



PAUL TAYLOR

Principal
Turramurra North Public School (NSW)

When Paul Taylor became principal at Turramurra North Public School in 2014, he set out to revolutionise the school's classrooms to adapt to 21st century realities. In his two years as principal, Taylor has provided his school with Wi-Fi, transformed the library into a modern learning zone, and combined the Year 5 and 6 students to create a 'super class' of 76 students led by three teachers. Students have published books that are now found in every public primary school in NSW, and the school's NAPLAN results have increased as a result of improved student engagement: 82% of Year 5 students achieved Bands 7 and 8 in reading.



ANTHONY SACKER

Founder and director
GradeXpert Education Pty Ltd

In 1999, Anthony Sacker developed a system for a school that was looking for an easy way to centrally track and report on student assessment results from year to year. And now, for over 10 years he's been directing the course of the GradeXpert system. GradeXpert Education works with both primary and secondary schools across Australia to provide a comprehensive student data management and tracking system that facilitates easy monitoring of student growth over time in any subject or year level. The organisation's Student Data Management System allows schools to centralise all student data in a single location (including assessment outcomes, reports on welfare and behavioural incidents, and semester reports), making it easy for teachers to quickly apprise themselves of gaps in student learning and progress over time.



NICHOLAS WYMAN

CEO
Skilling Australia Foundation

Nicholas Wyman has impacted on the lives of thousands of young Australians through his focus on promoting skilled careers and fixing a spotlight on school-to-work transition. In 2014, Wyman arranged for the Australian prime minister to join him on a visit to the first P-TECH school, located in the US city of Brooklyn. The P-TECH model is changing the way traditional high schools deliver STEM and real-world skills to students. Today, there are two such schools in Australia, located in two areas of high youth unemployment in Victoria: Newcomb Secondary College near Geelong and Federation College in Ballarat. The Australian government has since announced it will support a further 12 P-TECH schools across Australia as it continues to expand its innovation and science agenda.