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His Master of Education (Honours) degree in philosophy of education, for which he was awarded a university medal, was completed at the University of New England, and his doctoral research in principal leadership, school culture, and leading in complex social environments was completed at the University of Sydney in 2018.

His teaching and research adopts a holistic and interdisciplinary approach, drawing on a range of academic disciplines and insights. Through this, he explores how school leaders work within, and critically transform, their complex professional lives. This encompasses broader systems and policies that govern their work and school communities, as well as how they develop and sustain their personal leadership story. He is deeply committed to developing emerging and aspiring leaders, and to date, six of his former staff have been appointed to school principalship, and a further nine to deputy principalship or head of campus leadership roles.