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Peter Chandler, Member for Brennan
Minister for Education

STUDENT PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

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Students, destined to be future leaders, across Australia will get a taste of what it’s like to be a school principal through the Student Principal for a Day program.

A selected student from each school will take part in a number of leadership opportunities throughout the day and gain a real insight into the work of their principal and school governance.

Next week, students will be able to share their experiences with other student principals from around Australia through an online forum.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said both student principals and ‘real’ principals have an opportunity to gain a new perspective on school issues.

“Our principals do an amazing job, but exactly what that job entails isn’t always known by the wider student population,” Mr Chandler said.

“Student principals will gain a new appreciation for the work undertaken by their principal by experiencing first-hand what they do.

“Equally, it is an opportunity for principals to work closely with students and hear their views and concerns about their school.

“Students will be able to hone their leadership skills as they take charge of the school, a career some of these students may decide to embark on.

“An online forum will allow students to share their experiences with others from around Australia, giving further insight to issues faced in other schools.”

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