



Introducing the SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection



‘A young person’s
postcode should not
predict their educational
achievement.’

SVA Education Strategy 2013



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We listened,
we consulted,
and in collaboration we
now launch.....

SVA

Bright Spots

SCHOOLS

CONNECTION



What we believe:

Standing out above the grim statistics of Australian educational inequality are **Bright Spots Schools**.

They prove that change is possible by providing Australia's most disadvantaged children with a high-quality education and hence the ability to access increased opportunities for a better life.

Working together with Australia's leading educators, governments, businesses and community groups, the **SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection** will develop and deliver support programs for schools serving disadvantaged communities.

The goal is to enable all low SES schools to become the powerhouses of opportunity that underprivileged kids need them to be.

SVA will work with **Bright Spots Schools** to:

- **Maintain and sustain** change
- **Showcase and replicate** the change and
- **Connect and engage** those schools with their communities so that **Bright Spots Schools** can become a **bright system**.



What will the SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection do?



The SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection will:

1. Build the capacity of schools in disadvantaged communities, through their leaders.



2. Partner with schools in disadvantaged communities to lead action based research and establish an important evidence base of exemplary practice.



3. Support the best and brightest education practitioners in disadvantaged communities to accelerate their work.



4. Assist school leaders in disadvantaged school communities to connect and become a significant and influential group of successful practitioners across Australia.

How will the SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection support school leaders?

1. Leadership Capacity

Support to school leadership of schools in disadvantaged communities to develop capabilities and capacity for high performance, including opportunities for mentoring, coaching and professional networking.

2. Strategic Partnership

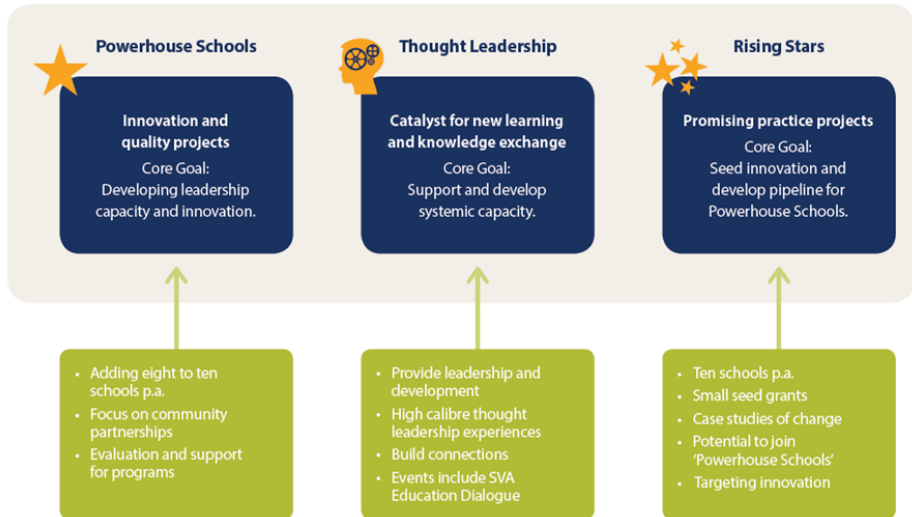
Support to initiate and develop strategic school community partnerships to build dynamic education opportunities in communities of highest need.

3. Resource Support

Seed financial investment to develop cutting edge education projects to increase opportunities in schools located in disadvantaged communities.

What will the
SVA Bright Spots Schools
Connection look like in
practice?

SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection Concept





SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection

Thought Leadership Gathering
August 2013



“I loved being part of the ‘First Thought Leadership Process’ and the valuing by SVA of the tremendous improvement occurring in our ‘Bright Spots’ schools”

Participant **SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection**
Thought Leadership August 2013



“Fantastic – one of the best outcomes of my involvement with SVA and particularly Bright Spots has been the contact with other Principals and the sharing of stories. We simply do not get to hear the success stories from other schools often enough.”

Participant **SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection**
Thought Leadership August 2013



“The whole day was extremely well planned. The chance to meet, network, to have professional dialogue with someone of the calibre of Ben Jensen and to hear the wonderful work and expertise of those within the Bright Spots Fund was truly exceptional.”

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“The opportunity to hear how philanthropists work and think is invaluable. Their hints have given me insight as to how my situation can be enhanced. This initiative is excellent.”

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“A very worthwhile initiative that I personally rate as one of the most valuable in creating and maintaining networks with other high performing leaders as well as the continued relationship with SVA staff and their networks. Interstate perspectives invaluable!”

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“Thank you for the wonderful opportunities provided to be involved in Social Ventures’ vision and future direction. This is a truly wonderful initiative and one we would love to remain a part of, along with contributing to making a difference to the lives of students and families in our community.”

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Investing
in social
change

“I gained a lot from the afternoon and evening as I trust SVA gained information to progress programs. As mentioned at the meeting, opportunities for leaders of schools to discuss what makes them succeed are rare. Normally we get to talk about programs and their implementation or what the hierarchy wants done next – almost always a negative. From this meeting, I am looking to visit some of the schools with key staff in my school to broaden our knowledge and use their concepts to strengthen practices at my school”

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”SVA Bright Spots Schools Connection aims to redress educational disadvantage in our most challenging learning communities and FRIDAY was fantastic for supporting this clear moral purpose of SVA. Again thanks for the opportunity and your leadership and support was great in moving this along further”

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