

Meg Hansen



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Meg Hansen was appointed the principal at Westbourne Grammar School in Melbourne, Victoria in 2010. She thinks it's natural that she ended up teaching considering her own personal love for learning and reading. She has been incredibly influenced by the books she has read - she has used books throughout her whole life as a way to understand her world and people. With her love for reading and for the theatre, she says she has become much more of an observer - something which she considers very important for her job.

One of her favourite things about teaching is what kids teach her, even when studying something so well known she would find every single student would have a different take on it. She found that aspect of teaching deeply fascinating; although she can't teach any more due to the workload of a Principal, and she is very aware of how distant a Principal can end up seeming, she loves to sit and talk to the students during class.

"Use the confidence and knowledge that you have gained that women are valid, clever, and can do what they wish, and hold that close to your heart. Be brave and courageous."