

Research Directions

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School Safety

Professor Margaret Vickers from the School of Education is leading a team that is conducting an impact study on the *Safe Schools: Making the Links* pilot project of 2004. The research is being funded by the NSW Department of Education and Training. Other team members are Dr Kerry Robinson, Dr Tania Ferfolja and Dr Maggie Clarke.



‘The two broad aims of this research are to determine through a series of interviews first, what the teachers who attended the pilot project two day professional development learnt from the initial workshop’ explained Professor Vickers. ‘We will also explore subsequent experiences relating to the emotional and physical safety of students and staff in the school setting’.

Professor Vickers said ‘The second aim is to determine what impact the key participants made on individuals involved in new activities resulting from the program, as they went about seeking to change their school’s culture. The understanding and practices related to school safety passed on to people who weren’t participants in the workshop will be important in measuring the long-term effects flowing from the workshop’.

The resulting data may give a detailed explanation about the direct and peripheral effects of practices that followed from attendance of the program.

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