



# AVID AUSTRALIA LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR

USA 2018



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# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: AVID LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR 2018

Join us for a study tour to the USA, with stopovers in Oregon, Texas and Massachusetts. Over the course of two weeks, we will visit AVID Demonstration Schools, universities and Nike's headquarters. Learn how authentic leadership, underpinned by AVID's mission, is closing the achievement and opportunity gaps for students, allowing teachers and students to achieve their potential.

## KEY DESTINATIONS

- Inflexion, University of Oregon
- Nike headquarters in Portland
- AVID Demonstration Schools in Eugene, Portland, Dallas and Boston
- Harvard University Graduate School of Education

## ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How are transformational institutions, including schools, universities and corporations applying philosophies of leadership that build school improvement and improvements in student outcomes?

## PARTICIPANTS

The study tour is open to school leaders and those aspiring to leadership positions. Participants from AVID Australia schools will be prioritised for these limited places.

## DATES

14 October – 24 October 2018

## THE ITINERARY: (NB: May be subject to change)

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sunday, 14 October	Odessa, Texas	Arrive Odessa, Texas and recovery day
Monday, 15 October	Odessa, Texas	Meet AVID Texas State Director and visit AVID Demonstration Schools
Tuesday, 16 October	Odessa, Texas	Visit University of Texas Permian Basin and AVID schools
Wednesday, 17 October	Odessa, Texas to Portland, Oregon	Travel
Thursday, 18 October	Portland, Oregon	School Success and Four Keys workshop with Inflexion at University of Oregon
Friday, 19 October	Portland, Oregon	Visit AVID Demonstration Schools and Nike Headquarters
Saturday, 20 October–Sunday 21 October	Travel Oregon to Boston, Massachusetts	Travel and personal study days
Monday, 22 October–Tuesday, 23 October	Boston, Massachusetts	Workshop at Harvard University Graduate School of Education with Professor Eric Mazur
Wednesday, 24 October	Travel	Tour ends – return home

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The tour has been designed to integrate prior experience with current practice, leadership theory and practical activities that will facilitate reflection-in-action and reflection-on-action<sup>1</sup>. Professional learning activities and experiences have been designed to challenge participants to reflect on their own leadership and the innovative approaches being implemented by colleagues nationally and internationally. Upon returning to Australia, participants will be inspired and have practical experience to adapt similar approaches in their own workplaces.

1. Schon, 1982, The Reflective Practitioner: How Professionals Think In Action.

## THE TOUR: SUSTAIN AND SCALE CHANGE

This is a rare networking and life-long learning opportunity with colleagues from across Australia and the USA. Participants will engage and network with successful school, system and tertiary leaders, learning of their lived experiences for leading change and hearing about the courage and self-reflection they draw upon to sustain and scale change across their organisations.



### Inflexion at the University of Oregon

An exclusive opportunity for Australian participants to work with Inflexion (formerly the Educational Policy Improvement Center (EPIC)) at the University of Oregon. Founded on the work of seminal education researcher Dr David Conley, Inflexion has pioneered the Student Success Model and the Four Keys concept. This in-depth workshop will equip participants with new knowledge and motivation to pursue student success in a holistic and sustainable way.



### Nike

The Nike School Innovation Fund has provided \$3.4 million in grants to implement or expand AVID in Oregon schools and districts. As part of a partnership agreement, Nike leaders are paired with 10 local high schools to innovate new ways to address the unique needs of their students. Participants will have the chance to hear from senior Nike executives and see how corporations, innovation and education approaches can align.



### AVID demonstration schools

Participants will visit several AVID Demonstration Schools to see how they exemplify outstanding leadership, embody culturally relevant teaching and learning approaches, build relational capacity across the community and invest in strengthening the non-cognitive skills of empathy and a growth mindset. It is a highly sought after honour to be designated as an AVID Demonstration School with less than 1% of AVID's 6000 schools reaching this elite status.



### Harvard University with Professor Eric Mazur

Professor Mazur is an award-winning expert in education and science. His influential book, Peer Instruction, explored how science can be taught in an engaging and interactive way. He is recognised worldwide for driving dramatic improvements in students' learning outcomes (in some cases tripling student improvement outcomes). Professor Eric Mazur simultaneously holds three Chairs at Harvard: he is both the Balkanski Professor of Physics and Applied Physics and Chair of the Graduate School of Education.

### COST:

Includes: Internal flights and travel, accommodation, professional learning activities and events. Participants are responsible for their international return flights, meals and travel insurance.

- AVID Schools \$8000
- Non-AVID Schools \$9000

### REGISTER NOW!

Please **register online** before 11 May 2018 at: <https://bit.ly/2rlVm40>

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