The University of Canberra has partnered with the Stronger Smarter Institute to break down barriers to higher education for Indigenous students and those from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds by raising aspiration and achievement within these groups. By working with schools in the ACT and southern NSW, the partnership will build the leadership capacity of school teachers and principals to deliver quality educational outcomes to Indigenous and low SES school students.

The Stronger Smarter Leadership Program aims to challenge and support school and community leaders in their pursuit of educational excellence for all students. The program engages participants to develop and enhance their leadership capacity by:

- Reflecting on whether beliefs and practices support a positive sense of student identity,
- Understanding the importance of positive community leadership and the importance of high expectations relationships, and
- Identifying and responding effectively to current leadership challenges.

The program equips participants to actively engage the school community so that everyone understands the importance of high expectations relationships and promotes positive identities and excellence in schools.

Undertaking the program requires a minimum one year commitment, including participation in a five day professional learning program, a two day follow up workshop and regular contact with Institute staff.

The venue for the five day program is the University of Canberra and is conveniently located for participants travelling from the Canberra region.

The Stronger Smarter philosophy promotes a strengths-based approach to improving school and community outcomes. The Institute is committed to fostering understandings of how to create high expectations relationships, wherein leaders are motivated to strengthen their connections with staff, students and their families and further engage with their local communities. These relationships are designed to do things with people, not to them.

**STRONGER SMARTER LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS 2014 & 2015**

Phases 1 and 2 are face-to-face forums.

Meals are provided.

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**Program Costs**

The above Stronger Smarter Leadership Programs are offered free of charge.

**Please note:** the program does not include travel to and from Canberra or teacher replacement costs.