



**JEFF WHALAN
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Chris Wardlaw, PSM

Chris Wardlaw has wide and deep experience in leading high performance in organisations and reform agenda across the education and sporting domains. He is currently the Chairperson of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Deputy Chair of the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). Having been a highly regarded guest speaker for Jeff Whalan Learning Group for several years, he now also facilitates Executive Learning Groups.

Chris began his teaching career as an Economics and Economic History tutor at Monash University and later taught at Victorian Government secondary schools. He then moved into management roles in the Department of Education, initially in regional positions and then in central office. Chris held key roles in many leading edge Victorian education reforms, most recently serving as Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Review from 2009 to 2013.

Chris also served as Deputy Secretary for Education in the Hong Kong Government from 2002 to 2008, where he had responsibility for curriculum, assessment and quality assurance for education. During this period he oversaw a comprehensive reform program, which resulted in Hong Kong adopting a modernised curriculum and assessment system. These changes made a major contribution to Hong Kong's development and have further improved its high standing in a range of international learning assessments.

Chris simultaneously engaged in a sporting career as an Olympian in the 10,000 metres and marathon events at the 1976 and 1980 Olympic Games. Since then he has established an impressive record as an elite sports coach. Chris was a career long coach to highly successful marathoners Steve Moneghetti, Kerryn McCann and Craig Mottram.

Chris was the Head Coach of the Australian Track and Field Team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the most successful team since the halcyon days of 1968. He has recently been appointed a Director on the Board of Athletics Australia.

This exemplary record of leadership in education and international sport gives Chris a unique combination of experience and insight to leadership and management across jurisdictions and in different reform contexts. Chris was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2013 and made a Fellow of Monash University in 2014. He holds a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) and a Diploma of Education.

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