



Webinar 4: Purpose for Public Education

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Professor Martin Westwell was appointed Chief Executive of the Department for Education in April 2022, following a successful 4 years as Chief Executive of the SACE Board. Martin has worked extensively with education systems and other organisations in using evidence to inform policy, practice, innovation, and impact in education.

He was a Chief Investigator in the national Australian Research Council (ARC) Science of Learning Research Centre and has worked with UNESCO using evidence to inform strategic planning of education in the Asia-Pacific region.

In 2018, Martin received the prestigious Australian Council for Educational Leaders' (ACEL) Gold Medal, awarded for the most outstanding contribution to the study and practice of educational administration and leadership. In 2007 Martin and his family moved to South Australia where he took the position of inaugural Director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century and then Strategic Professor in the Science of Learning at Flinders University.

Martin completed his degree and PhD at Cambridge University and was a Research Fellow at Lincoln College, Oxford University in biological chemistry.