

Focus on Interactions Pathways

Pathway 1 (\$400 for 1-4 Principals)

This option is designed for individual principals or small reflective groups who wish to experiment with these ideas for a time. If the concepts appeal we would expect individual schools to progress to Pathway 2 – An alternative to principal appraisal – or to Pathway 3 where schools chose their own focus but involve staff in gathering evidence of practice using the concept map/portfolio approach and a Quality Learning Circle process for the resultant discussion.

Using Pathway 1 the principal or group will receive password access to the EDEX site. The articles and discussion topics are available here. They are arranged around the concept of interaction. Also supplied will be one password for the on-line concept map which will allow the creation of a portfolio to be used individually or as a shared project. The idea here is that the participant(s) will construct a compilation of artifacts which will provide evidence of their practice and thinking. This evidence can be used for reflective critique, for substantiating actions as in appraisal for example, and for planning future actions. The concept map follows the same template design as the modules in the EDEX database.

Pathway 2. (\$1,200 per school. An alternative to principal appraisal)

This pathway is based on a project currently being trialled in the Wellington Region. The principal and teaching staff get individual passwords to both EDEX and the KnowledgeNet sites. This is a year long programme which needs prior approval from each Board of Trustee as more traditional principal appraisal programmes are exchanged for this project. Drafts of all the necessary documents, survey and summary instruments are supplied and principals are assisted in taking a close focus on their effect on teaching and learning. In doing this they will facilitate their teachers gathering evidence of their teaching interactions and joining with others to critique and extend this practice. An overview summary of expectations of this project is available at <http://www.edex.net.nz/files/Focus%20on%20Interaction-Appraisal.pdf> or directly from the link on <http://www.edex.net.nz>

As principals and schools complete a year of this project we will make summaries of their experiences available for you to read.

Pathway 3. (\$1,200 per school)

Here both principals and teachers get individual access to the discussion material and a personal link to the on-line concept map/portfolio. Leaders and teachers are grappling with the notion of finding new and creative ways of demonstrating thinking and learning improvements. This pathway enables individual choice from a variety of modules but still based around the notion of gathering evidence of practice and then taking part in a Quality Learning Circle discussion. The tutorials at <http://www.edex.net.nz/default.asp?pageid=6> provide an overview of how this process would work.

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