

Editorial

Welcome to the 1997 edition of the Journal. Again we have a good-sized number with articles covering a wide range of topics. I hope you find them interesting and useful.

We start with two articles on the future of guidance and counselling in Australia – a very relevant topic because as is clear from the discussions I hear on the national executive there is much change and uncertainty across the country. Drent and Murphy present a comprehensive paper that strongly argues for adopting a new model of work that is more suited to our 'economic rationalist' and smaller government times. Paul Burnett presents a survey on how practitioners see the profession twenty five years in the future. The technology theme began in the last number (with the paper on the internet) continues with a description by Cotterell of an internet-based consultancy service, the Shark-net.

Two of the research papers in different ways are about change of school, Fields looking at the facts and implications of student mobility, and Warton and Cooney investigating students' choice of school following Year 10. The subject of adolescent coping is also continued from the previous number with Chesire and Campbell comparing coping strategies of learning disabled adolescents with those of their peers.

I was very pleased that we received a large number of submissions that directly relate to practical strategies for work in schools – so our Articles section has the greatest number of papers this year. I won't summarize them here but the list of the topics shows how wide a range of issues we face in our work: supporting schools after a death (Jackson and Bates); counselling children whose parents have divorced (Barletta); running a preventative, mental health program in a secondary school (Sinclair and Walker), using a multiple intelligence model in counselling (O'Brien and Burnett); helping with the topical issues of boys' education (Harrison); and still working with teachers under stress (Duggan). I am sure you will discover many stimulating and useful ideas in these papers.

Again I would like to thank all those who submitted papers, especially as they were so prompt in returning the final copies after corrections. I received many queries about whether the Journal is peer reviewed (as required for research grant purposes I believe), which of course it is, so our reviewers are even more valuable than they know. Thank you to Paul Burnett (who also organizes the book reviews), Gabrielle Elich, Greg Field, Robynne Moore and Greg Henderson.

If you enjoy reading the journal, please consider submitting a paper for next year's edition. It is important to the profession that issues, research, strategies and good ideas are discussed and promulgated. Keep up the good work!

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