

Optimal School Governance

A Handbook for School Boards and
Heads who value effective governance



Stephen Codrington

The book that
will make your
board more
effective!

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The research is clear - highly effective school boards enhance student achievement, improve staff morale and give the school a clear reputational advantage.

This handbook provides school boards and Heads of Schools with a comprehensive and accessible manual of best practice in all areas of school governance.

It can be used to amplify board training workshops and consultancy services conducted by Stephen Codrington, or as a board orientation manual in its own right.

‘Optimal School Governance’ is a comprehensive 208-page handbook for school trustees who care about serving their boards as effectively as possible. The book covers such important areas as:

- What is a school board?
- Board effectiveness – Governance and Management
- Dysfunctional boards
- Healthy boards - the 4-D model of optimal governance
- Ethos – mission, strategic vision, school policies, sustainability
- Strategic planning
- Recruiting a new Head
- The Board-Head relationship
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- Board meetings and dynamics
- Board composition and succession
- Other board processes – board policies, change leadership and innovation
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- Evaluating the board

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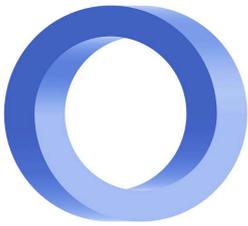
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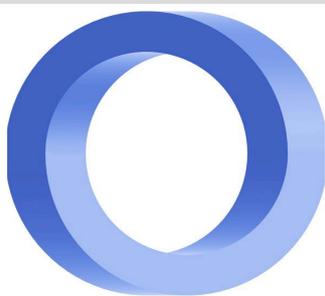
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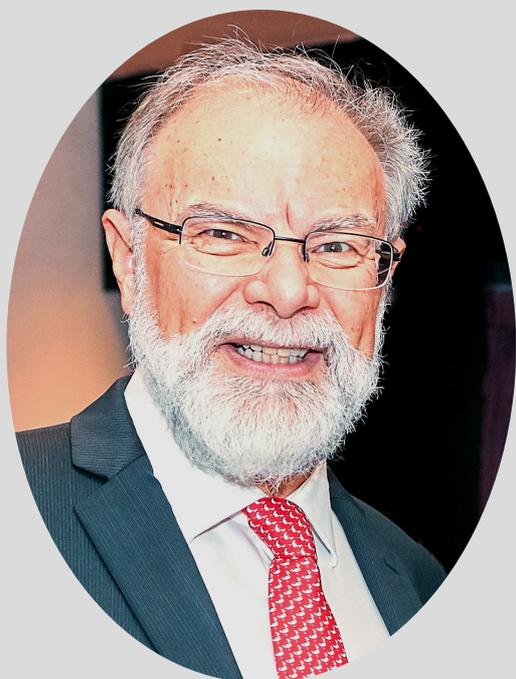
The importance of school board effectiveness cannot be over-emphasised.

Although the structures of boards vary from school to school, there are common factors that characterise highly effective boards, just as there are easily identifiable characteristics of dysfunctional boards. This book examines these factors and presents a clear practical pathway towards improving board effectiveness.

The book is designed to support school boards and Heads who value effective governance.

View sample pages and learn more about Stephen's support for school boards at

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