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ABSTRACT OF DISSERTATION

The Evolving Role of Leadership in the Caring and Effective Post Primary School. Chapter 1 looks at the need for outstanding and widely dispersed leadership, at all levels of post primary schools, which is highly desirable and is what this dissertation is about. Chapter 2 is about the role of the Principal as a leader, discussed on the basis that a leader is one who is able to develop and communicate a vision which gives meaning to the work of others. In chapter 3 the role of the school staff, in the present climate of evolving leadership, is looked at in terms of staff development. This is seen as a pro-active rather than a re-active process in order to have a well trained staff. The leadership skills which students, facing an increasingly complex society, need to develop is seen as the role of Pastoral Care programmes in post primary schools, this is looked at in chapter 4. Chapter 5 is about the Self-Managing school, which is emerging as a major element in a series of related reforms in a comprehensive restructuring of education.