



# TLF Connects

## Empowering Educators, Elevating Student Success Executive Coaching & Professional Learning

video  
series

### TOGETHER WE LEARN

#### COMMUNITY & COLLABORATION

In our final episode of the video series, we were fortunate enough to speak with and highlight **Fortitude Valley State Secondary College**. Five years after opening its doors, the community talks about how Contributive Learning is weaved in their purpose of being “good at learning and good at life.”





“Through The Learner First network, we have experienced what happens when schools step beyond their boundaries. Most recently, this was embodied in an experience at Trinity Bay State High School. Over two days, educators were brought together coming from across Queensland for the very first instance of co-learning, to test what might be possible through this model.

## Beyond our School Fence ✨

Nikiesha Stevenson and Cairen Musumeci have co-written a blog about their learning as co-learners, leaders, and contributors.



TLF founder, Joanne McEachen gave a keynote speech at the Seattle Christchurch Sister City AGM dinner in October 2025.

An illustration showing a group of diverse people of various ages and ethnicities holding hands in a circle around a stylized blue and green globe.

**Community & Collaboration**

Learning is not a solitary endeavor. This collective effort not only enhances learning outcomes but also fosters a sense of belonging and shared responsibility.

## Beyond the Classroom: ✨ Cultivating a Culture of Co-Learning

“... we have been challenged to look beyond... and consider the wider learning culture that exists when adults come together to reflect, support one another, and strive to improve their practice and impact.”

-Tony Whybird

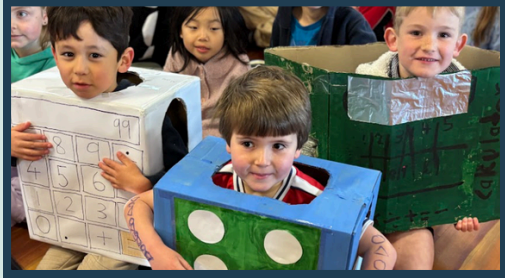
This reflection comes from Tony Whybird, Principal of Trinity Bay State High School in Australia. For over three years, Tony and his team have partnered with Learner First to drive holistic school improvement—creating a culture where everyone contributes, every day.



Trinity Bay State High School (Cairns, AUS) principal Tony Whybird with students.

# MATHS LIVES HERE

✱ What happens when maths becomes something that brings us together, not something we do alone?



As Deputy Principal of one of our partner schools, Te Mata School (Havelock North, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand), Rebecca Northe leads evidence-based initiatives that help students build strong foundations and confidence in maths. Her work focuses on making mathematics accessible, engaging, and meaningfully connected across home, school, and community. In this blog, she writes about how **“mathematics is more than just numbers—it’s connection, conversation, and confidence. It’s part of our daily life, both in the classroom and beyond.”**

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# Making the Important Measurable

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