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A Handbook for School Boards and
Heads who value effective governance



Stephen Codrington

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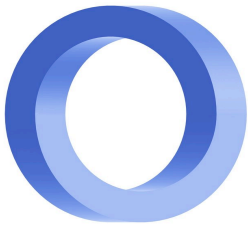
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The book is designed to support school boards and Heads who value effective governance.

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The author, Dr Stephen Codrington is an experienced board member and board evaluator who served as Head of five schools over 25 years. He has worked as a Head in four countries – Australia, the United States, Hong Kong and New Zealand – and has deep knowledge and experience of boards at their best and at their worst. He visits schools to advise boards and train trustees, to conduct full board evaluations, to help develop strategic plans and to assist with the search for and recruitment of new Heads.



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