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LinkedIn for Advancement Professionals

How powerful is your LinkedIn presence - for you and your institution?

Whether you're in a school, university or residential college, LinkedIn can be a game-changer for marketing, donor prospecting, alumni engagement, and professional networking.

Join Sue for an engaging session on how to showcase your Educate Plus membership, build your personal and institutional brand, and use LinkedIn's tools and insights to elevate visibility, strengthen connections, and drive real impact across your community.

About us

Admissions

Alumni & Community Engagement

Fundraising

Marketing & Communications

Leadership

People & Culture

We are a forward-thinking membership organisation committed to empowering Advancement professionals.

We operate via six Chapters, and a seventh 'Region' after successful expansion into Asia.

We are recognised as the only Australasian professional body for Educational Advancement.

We provide professional development and networking opportunities: Conferences, Summits, Training, Mentoring, Networking and more.

We were established in 1987 and now represent over 2,500 Members across Australia, NZ and Asia.















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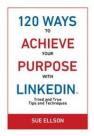


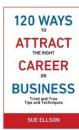
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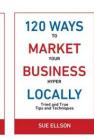


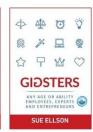


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YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@educateplus4819 9, 11, 11, 11 Subscribers 11, 11, 11 Videos

*2024/2025 numbers

Facebook Reviews https://www.facebook.com/EducatePlus/reviews 6 - perhaps you would like to add one!







Today's Agenda

Record your action steps!

- Showcase your Educate Plus membership
- Build your personal brand
- Build your institutional brand
- Use LinkedIn's tools and insights to elevate visibility, strengthen connections, and drive real impact across your community

Showcase your Educate Plus Membership

Consider creating your institution's 'onboarding' process too! Only suggestions, not requirements.

- 1. Login to Educate Plus Community Portal and update your details
- 2. Login to LinkedIn and Follow Educate Plus and click and All posts
- 3. Join WA Educate Plus Chapter Group and click ♣ and All posts
- 4. Add a Background Banner / Cover Photo on your Profile that includes an Educate Plus Logo
- 5. Edit your Contact Info and add a link to Educate Plus in one of the Websites area
- 6. In the About / Summary Section add your name with post nominals MEdPlus
- 7. Add a link to the Educate Plus WA Chapter in the Featured Links Section
- 8. Add details in Licenses and Certifications Section ** including Website Link in Media
- 9. Add details to Organizations Section
- 10. Add to Providing Services Page in Media Section (if you have one)
- 11. Announce in a Post that you are a Member of Educate Plus
- 12. Update your own name website 'About' page and 'Media Kit' (if you have one)



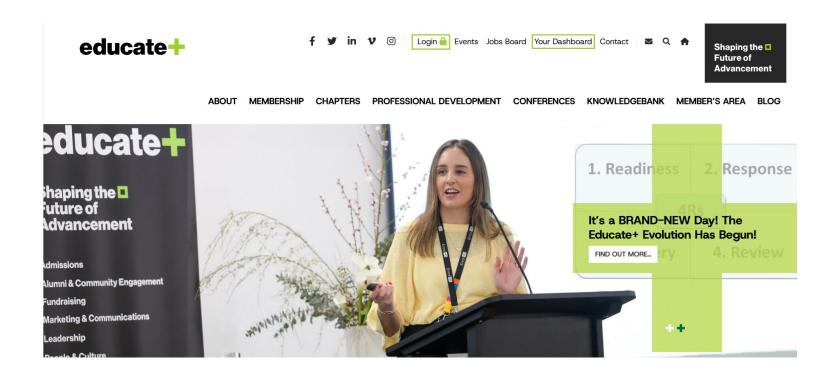






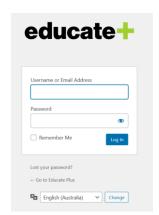


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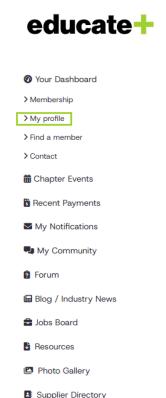


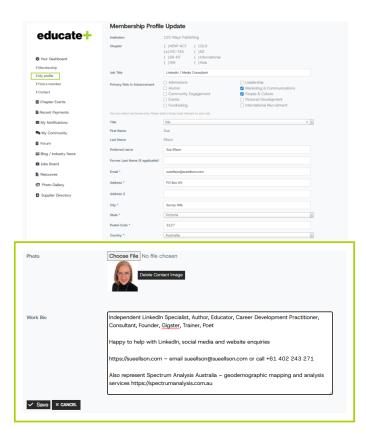


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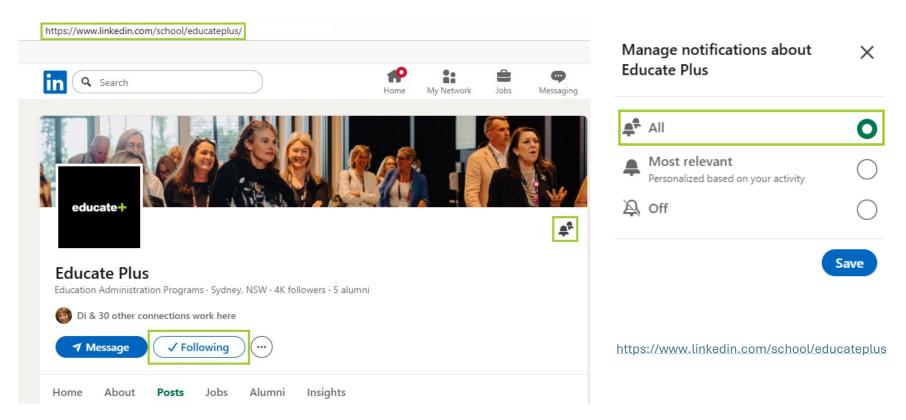






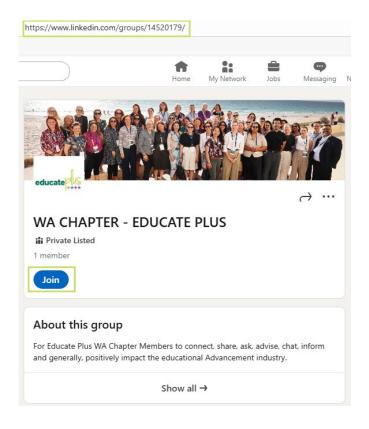


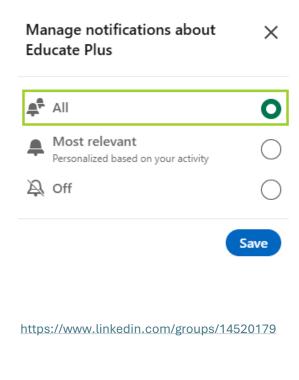
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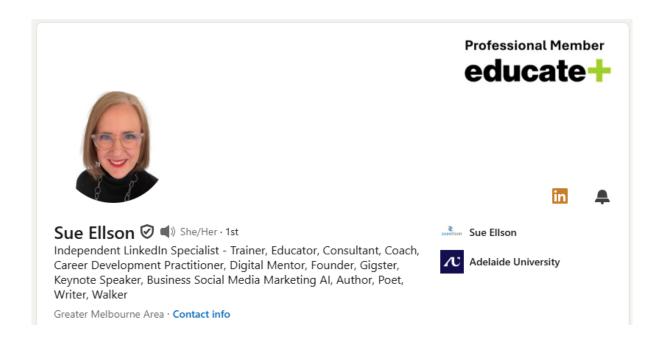
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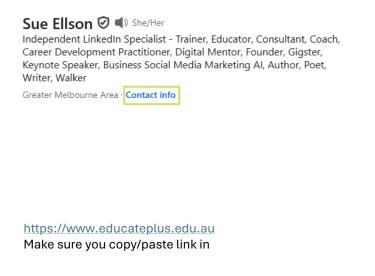
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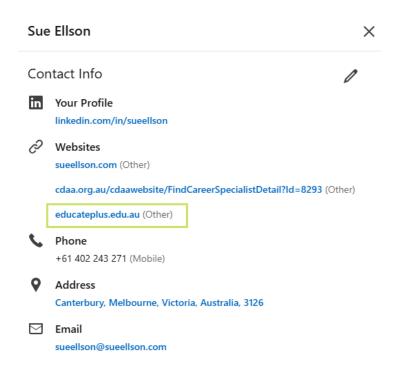


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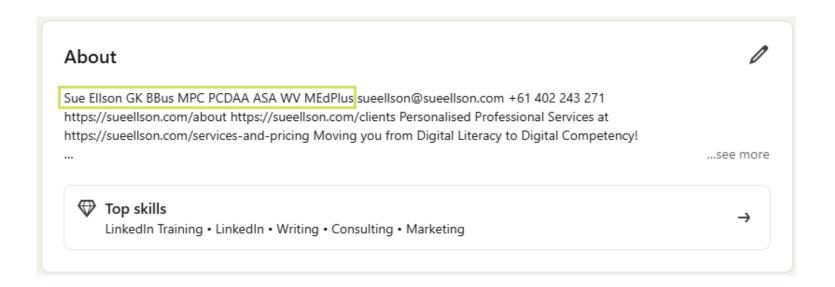
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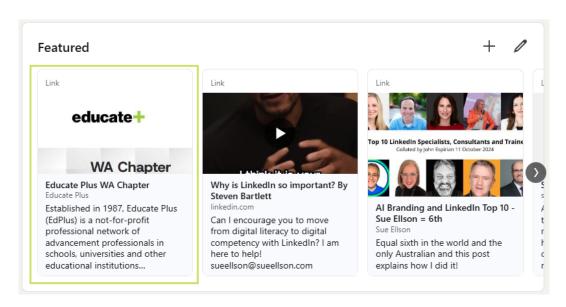
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Post Nominal MEdPlus



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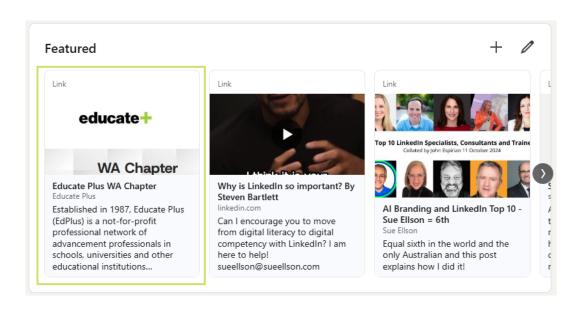
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Educate Plus

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Credential ID https://www.educateplus.edu.au



Skills: Social Media · Social Media Marketing · Social Networking · LinkedIn · LinkedIn Training



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9. Add details to Organizations Section

Organizations





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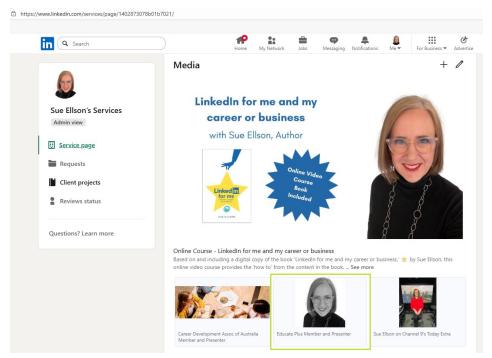
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10. Add to Providing Services Page in Media Section (if you have one)





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11. Announce in a Post that you are a Member of Educate Plus



Professional Member



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12. Update your own name website 'About' page and 'Media Kit' (if you have one)

Website

Current Memberships

2022 - present Educate Plus (EdPlus)

2018 - present Writers Victoria (WV)

2015 - present Australian Society of Authors (ASA)

2015 - present Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA)

2008 - present Melbourne Press Club (MPC)

1998 - present Golden Key International Honour Society (GK) (top 15% of undergraduates)











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Media Kit Page 2

SERVICES

- consulting -on Linkelin (for your coreer or enterprise as on Independent Linkelin Specialist), coreers (helping you choose and find the best options), employment, recruitment, business strategy, hyper local marketing and marketing strategy, social media strategy (including Google and Bing), basis website design (ViroliPress), search engine optimisation (SEO), artificial intelligence, networking (naline and in person), newcomers, expatriates, repatriates, skilled microsis, settlement
- training presentations, training, seminars, workshops, lectures, guest speaking, professional development sessions, facilitating, forums, discussions, conferences, events, festivals
- creating serving regular clients marketing strategy, social media marketing, website updates, technical support, webinar co-hosting, facilitation
- writing books, articles, blogs, copy, newsletters and poetry
- pre bene usually oround 10 hours per week including hosting free Linkedin Insight Webinars every month, providing exclusive and detailed media commentary and content for journalists and broadcasters and supporting various individuals and enterprises through pro bono or value exchange writing, training, creating and consulting



MEMBER











AUTHOR













WA Chapter Committee Members

Add your current (or past) Educate Plus role to LinkedIn in Volunteer Experience

Build Your Personal Brand

All sorts of people will search for you online!

- 1. Quality Photo
- 2. 220 Character Headline of all that you have to offer
- 3. List your Achievements in every role in past tense
- 4. List your Tasks in every role in present tense
- 5. Fill in as many Sections as possible with Skills and with Media
- 6. Secure 20+ Endorsements for your main Skills
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1. Quality Photo

- Convey energy and enthusiasm
- Clothing and Appearance aligned with professional goals
- High neck garment frames face
- Eyes on one third line
- Smiling with teeth showing
- Crease in skin at eye level
- Can include relevant props
- Not too close or too far (remember small version in feed)
- Take indoors for dilated pupils
- Less than three years old
- Not black and white

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2. 220 Character Headline of all that you have to offer

- Most Important Search Field
- Memorable Label (known word but not in regular use)
- Keywords (not repeated) in priority order based on Searcher's Needs
- Commas, not Pipes | (more characters and easier to read)
- Capital Letters each word
- Goal is to increase appearances in search results within LinkedIn, Online Search and Generative AI

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Look for Keywords

- Job Descriptions
- Job Advertisements
- MyFuture.edu.au
- Other LinkedIn Profiles
- Website Source Code Meta Descriptions
 <title>Sue Ellson LinkedIn Specialist, Author, Educator,
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Independent LinkedIn Specialist - Trainer, Educator, Consultant, Coach, Career Development Practitioner, Digital Mentor, Founder, Gigster, Keynote Speaker, Business Social Media Marketing AI, Author, Poet, Writer, Walker



3. List your Achievements in every role in past tense

- All Past Roles
- · Title + Non-Repeated Keywords
- Select Employer from Drop Down Box
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- Tasks (present tense)
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- Description (of enterprise)
- Non-sensitive Information (use % not \$)
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Tasks

- > provide strategy and tactics for marketing, business development and sales
- > provide strategy, updates and results for social media for LinkedIn, Facebook, X and Google Business
- > represent Spectrum Analysis at conferences, events, professional development training etc
- > complete all website updates including copy writing, copy editing, improvements etc
- > produce and distribute Spectrum Analysis newsletter and Strategy News for Schools newsletter
- > report on online results
- > troubleshoot any online issues
- > prepare content for messaging sequences for new prospects, particularly Independent Schools
- > provide employee training and attend employee functions
- > represent Spectrum Analysis at various events, conferences and exhibitions
- > other general administration and assistance as required

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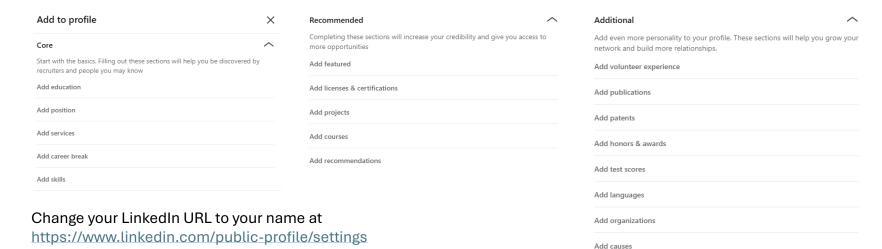








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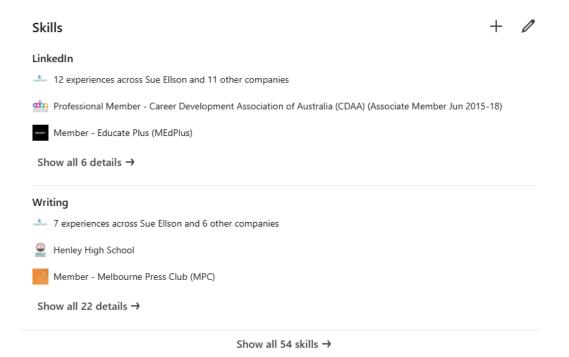
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Easiest one is Languages

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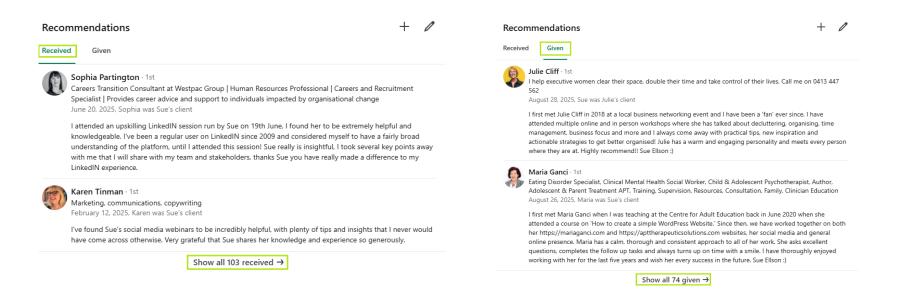
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Ask for Endorsements from Colleagues and from others with identical endorsed Skills

7. Secure 6+ Recommendations both given and received



Strategically ask for Recommendations from Colleagues and from others with similar Skills, Experience, Keywords, Networks

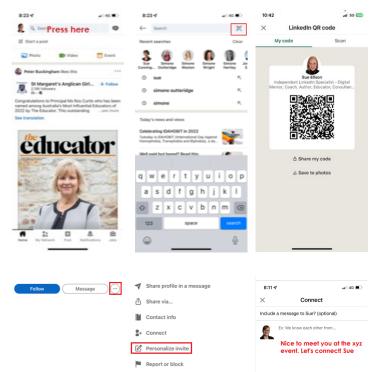


8. Be prepared to Connect – with everyone you meet from now including 3+ per event

From Now On connect with everyone you meet in person (3+ per event) or offline (phone, text, email, DM)

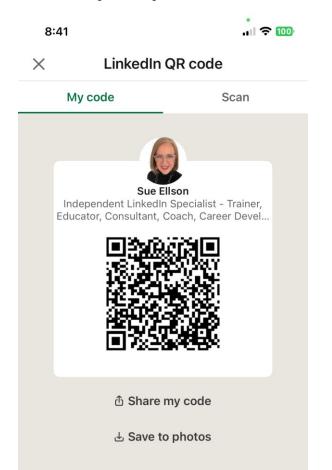
LinkedIn App on Phone
Click in Search Box
Click Three Squares Top Right Hand Corner
Scan Other Person's QR Code
Click three dots ... next to Blue Button
Choose 'Personalize Invite'
Type in where you have met (so can search messages afterwards if they forget your name)
Send Connection Request

VIP and Aligned People and CompaniesPeople You May Know





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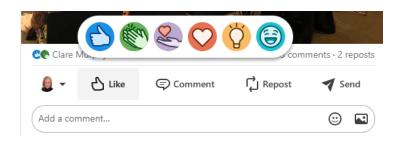




9. Be prepared to Engage – regular Reactions and lengthy Comments (including your employer)

- Feed the beast
- · Allocate set time per week
- Support option offers most 'brownie points'
- Great if you can also add a lengthy Comment
- Try and engage if you have been @mentioned
- Unfollow content you don't want to see
- Avoid using Al
- Include words from the post if possible
- Add something of value
- Be solution focused
- Message directly if personal comment
- Acknowledge follow up comments
- Take screen shot if needs to be reported
- Be aware Comment Impressions now being collected

https://sueellson.com/blog/10-ways-to-improve-your-linkedin-engagement







10. Be prepared to Publish – Posts, Articles, Newsletters, Groups

- Curate
- Create
- Collaborate
- Aim to be Scroll Stopping
- Mobile friendly (white space)
- Images that tell a story
- Videos short form portrait < 3 minutes
- Polls of one question
- PDF's can be downloaded / create carousel
- Consistency (max three posts per week)
- Create Conversations (more people, more often, for longer)
- · Friendly, professional, solution-focused
- Screenshot any concerns and follow up directly

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Build Your Institutional Brand

This is a place where people do their Due Diligence

- 1. Your Principal / Head and their LinkedIn Profile is important
- 2. You must have a School Page (not a Company Page)
- 3. You must have a fully completed School Page (all sections)
- 4. You can post more than just 'jobs' (try Titles for each Post)
- 5. Aim to have 80% of students as alumni before they leave school from now on
- 6. Reconsider value of Alumni LinkedIn Groups
- 7. Do not need to Upgrade Page or pay for advertising
- 8. Have at least three Administrators
- 9. Remember to check Inbox and Notifications
- 10. You can invite your Connections to Follow the School Page











1. Your Principal / Head and their LinkedIn Profile is important

- Ensure all items from 'Personal Brand' have been completed
- Need to set an example
- Content from Profiles has greater reach than Pages
- Consider linking to an enquiry form (no contact details)
- Consider adding Principal Video in Featured Links
- Encourage to Engage and Post allocated time per week

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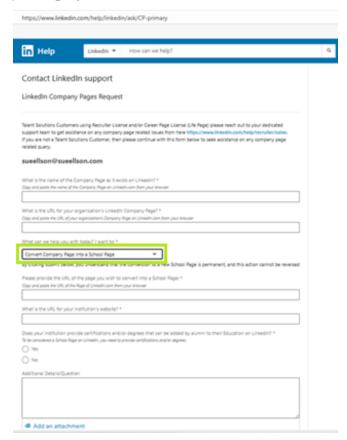
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2. You must have a School Page (not a Company Page)

- To enable students to list their Education
- · To collect Alumni detail

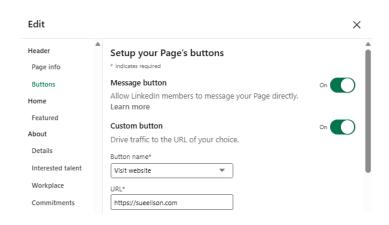
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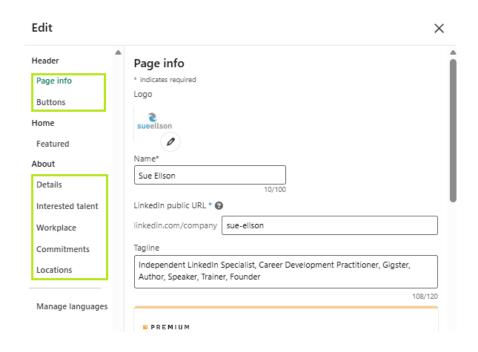




3. You must have a fully completed School Page (all sections)

- Always copy/paste links eg https://
- Add in all school campus locations
- Turn on buttons
- Regularly check as new features added







4. You can post more than just 'jobs' (try Titles for each Post)

- Can incorporate various topics by including a Title at the beginning of the Post (and re-use what you have shared on other social media channels)
- Can consider profiling staff #BehindTheBlackboard
- Encourage Employee Advocacy (Reactions and Comments)
- Remember to @mention people and organisations (particularly sponsors and donors)
- Remember to include school #hashtag so people can click and see your other school content

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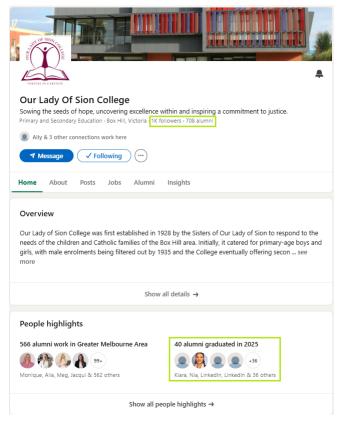




5. Aim to have 80% of students as alumni before they leave school from now on

- Ideally create LinkedIn Profiles in Year 11 for Secondary
- Ideally create LinkedIn Profiles in 1st Year for University
- Aim to have similar numbers of Followers and Alumni
- Aim to have 80% of current students on LinkedIn before they leave the school from now on
- Consider recruiting volunteers to track down other alumni from past years
- Always invite people attending events to follow your institution on their favourite social media channels and click the bell for 'All' posts (QR code to website contact page with all links on it)

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6. Reconsider value of Alumni LinkedIn Groups

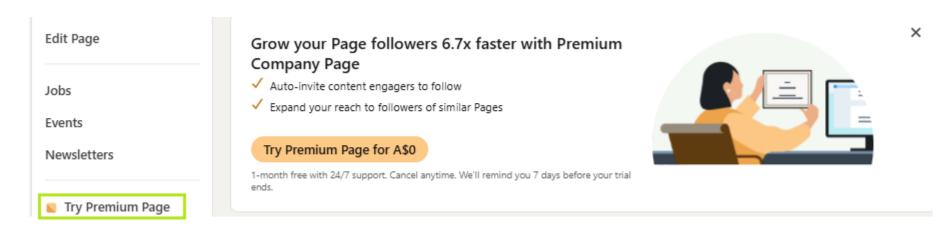
- Requires constant encouragement to join
- Requires constant management
- Many people are unlikely to see the content on a regular basis
- Consider ensuring all Group Members are Following the School page (and have updated their Education section on their LinkedIn Profile)
- Consider closing the Group and keeping a one source of truth database with the school that includes alumni LinkedIn URL's



https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13649867



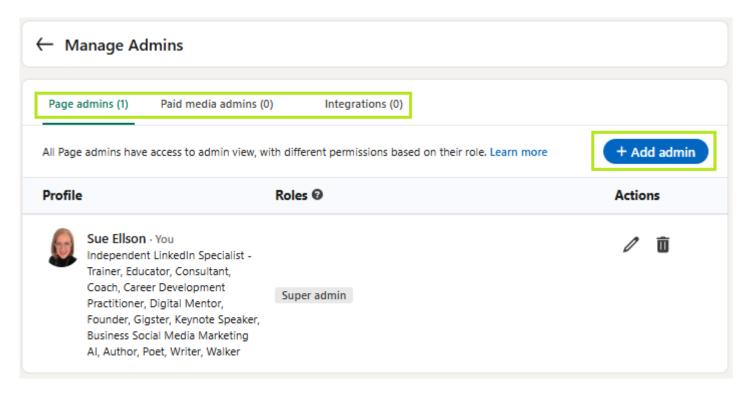
7. Do not need to Upgrade Page or pay for advertising



- Have not seen any benefits from Premium Pages
- Have not seen any benefits from Boosting Posts
- Have not seen any benefits from Promoting Events
- Have not seen any benefits from Paid Advertising
- From any of my clients ask yourself, does your target audience spend a lot of time on LinkedIn and do they look wherever you are going to appear before you spend any money!!
- More value in coordinating volunteers to engage directly



8. Have at least three Administrators



Go to Page Settings, Manage Admins to Add Extra Admins and remember to remove them when they leave your institution



9. Remember to check Inbox and Notifications

Activity will not appear in your Notifications in your LinkedIn Profile, you need to visit the School Page to see these

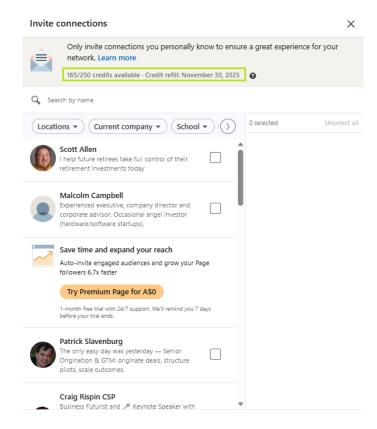
Inbox messages are also available from this Menu so remember to check daily





10. You can invite your Connections to Follow the School Page

If you are an Admin of the School Page – 250 credits per month that are reinstated if a person accepts





Use LinkedIn's tools and insights

Aligning with the different Advancement Roles

- 1. Admissions
- 2. Alumni & Community Engagement
- 3. Fundraising
- 4. Marketing & Communications
- 5. Leadership
- 6. People & Culture











1. Admissions

- Invite all application signatories to Follow LinkedIn School Page and click Notification Bell for All Posts (and possibly other social media as well)
- Add Open Days (or FREE events only) as Events on the School Page (include the School's Privacy Policy link so you can obtain registration email details and remember to post them four weeks ahead and invite 1,000 of your Connections per week to attend)
- Set a target of total new Followers per year and consider inviting key stakeholders, school supporters and suppliers to Follow the School Page





2. Alumni & Community Engagement

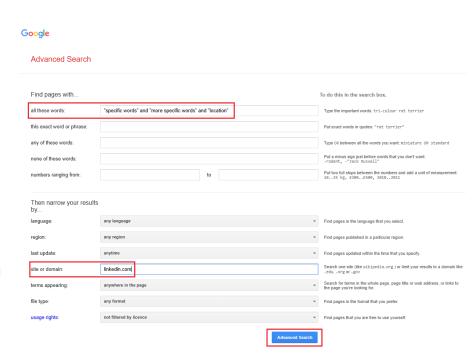
- Encourage 80% of students to add their Education to their LinkedIn Profile before they leave your Institution (can just mention subjects completed if they have not graduated)
- Add LinkedIn URL to Alumni records kept at the Institution
- Be prepared to share Alumni achievements and celebration photos as Posts on LinkedIn
- Consider adding old photos from past years every so often as these generate a lot of nostalgia (could be buildings if you can't get photo permission and consider creating these photos for your Institution's digital archive of the future)





3. Fundraising

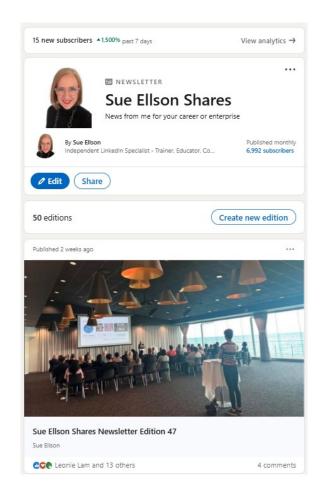
- Always acknowledge (@mention) people and organisations responsible for public support and include story telling photos / videos / PDF uploads where possible
- Ensure major free events are added and shared via the LinkedIn School Page publicly at least four weeks from start time and invite 1,000 connections per Administrator per week to attend and invite attendees to Follow School Page
- Use the Google Advanced Search link to search the entire LinkedIn database to find people beyond your network on LinkedIn https://www.google.com.au/advanced_search and right click, open in a new tab, process and close





4. Marketing & Communications

- With 150+ Followers, you can create a LinkedIn Newsletter and then everyone who Follows the School Page will automatically be invited to Subscribe and will only receive a 'Notification' not an email
- Suggest publishing a general newsletter, with photos no more than once a month – can be content repurposed from other Institution monthly / quarterly publications
- Consider adding all social media links (including YouTube) to the Contact Page of your Institution website and have a QR Code on all presentations, signage etc to invite people to Follow you on social media (and ask them at every event)
- Vary range of content shared on LinkedIn School Page and focus on consistent quality shares, immediate responses to comments, steady increase in Followers and Alumni and don't get hung up on individual statistics (or collecting them)





5. Leadership

- Encourage Leaders to publish thought leadership pieces (with references) as LinkedIn Articles on their own LinkedIn Profile https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/aha-moment-liana-gooch
- Ensure Leaders complete their LinkedIn Profile in full and connect with the rest of the Leadership Team on LinkedIn and Give and Receive Recommendations and Skill Endorsements to one another
- Remind them to allocate some time for 'Engagement' on LinkedIn and not to 'Post and Ghost' but not 'too much' so that they appear too visible
- Ensure they choose their backend settings carefully they may not wish to have their email address visible in Contact Info but they may include the institution's contact details (phone, address and general email address) there and add a text link to a Contact Form in the About / Summary section









Korowa Year 7 Students

The 'aha' moment







February 21, 2019

Remember those 'aha' moments on a school trip when something you had been studying in class suddenly clicked? That action of learning via reflection and application of information in a new situation often by doing is known as experiential learning and is one of the most important learning processes. As a teacher, I have observed students experiencing clarity whenever a complex aspect learnt via classroom delivery, for example, coastal physical processes, suddenly crystallised when they were able to observe and reflect upon it occurring in the field.



6. People and Culture

- Always add every job to its own page on the Institution's website and then consider using various research techniques on LinkedIn to Connect and/or Message people who can pass it on to suitable candidates
- Remember that LinkedIn Recruiter is very expensive (as are recruiters) and they may do the 'same' thing to find and approach candidates which can be done using a Google Advanced Search on an unlimited basis for free
- Ensure all staff involved in recruitment have been trained (or have completed LinkedIn Learning Courses available free with a local library card). Rehiring is very expensive. Spend more time searching, less time sorting from inappropriate overseas candidates (and include the salary range!)

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Today's Agenda

Share your action steps!

- Showcase your Educate Plus membership
- Build your personal brand
- Build your institutional brand
- Use LinkedIn's tools and insights to elevate visibility, strengthen connections, and drive real impact across your community

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QUESTIONS?

WHAT HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL?

WHAT ACTION STEPS DO YOU HAVE?

Thank you