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MICROSOFT NAMED VINE PLATINUM PARTNER

The Victorian ICT Network for Education (VINE) has announced a partnership with Microsoft to become its inaugural Platinum sponsor.

The partnership highlights Microsoft's commitment to improving the use of technology in Victorian schools.

VINE is a group of committed ICT professionals who work in educational settings across all sectors: State, Independent and Catholic.

The organization's aim is to provide support and resources to assist ICT professionals working in educational settings to be effective at leading their organizations through the complex and ever-changing world of technology.

VINE president Robert Flavell said:

"We are thrilled to welcome Microsoft as VINE's first platinum partner.

"Microsoft continue to demonstrate their commitment to education in real ways. Supporting VINE and its members with this sponsorship is a practical demonstration of their capacity to listen to and work with the people who are actively working to improve technology use in all facets of education."

Microsoft K-12 Industry Lead Travis Smith said:

"Microsoft are very pleased to be a sponsor of VINE for the coming year and are proud to support schools in their adoption of technology for better outcomes for students. Victoria has a long history of innovation in educational technology, and we look forward to supporting more schools to do great things in the coming years through this association with VINE."

VINE's membership meets several times each year and remain in contact throughout the year via the network's active online forum.

Sponsorship of VINE is a way of expressing commitment to the best use of technology in schools. It provides varying degrees of access to VINE meetings and the opportunity to articulate a company's vision of how a particular technology or technique might be of use in an educational context.

For more information about VINE, or to become a sponsor, visit www.vine.vic.edu.au

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