



# 1 APPLIED LEARNING ECOSYSTEM

**Greetings, School Leaders!** This element presents an ecosystem framework along with practical tips for how you can strengthen applied learning in your school.

**Policymakers and Teachers,** you will also find this element useful for understanding the broader context and building a strong foundation for effective applied learning practices.

School leaders play a key role in building a successful applied learning ecosystem. They can emphasise applied learning as a high-value pathway for students that builds real-world capability, confidence and purpose, by recognising and nurturing learners' diverse strengths. By focusing on preparing students for life beyond the classroom, school leaders can shift common stereotypes about applied learning as being of lower status and show how it is inclusive and affirming of students' capabilities.

#### **Resources include:**

- 1.1. Framework for healthy applied learning ecosystem
  - 1.2. Tips for school leaders – Advocating for applied learning
  - 1.3. Tips for school leaders – continuous professional development
  - 1.4. Guidelines for school leaders – developing a community of practice
  - 1.5. Building partnerships that enrich students' learning
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