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Students and the values of leadership

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We hear a lot about the importance of leadership. Things like the race, for leaders, is one that does not have a finish line. And the process of leadership is just as applicable whether you are on the sports field or heading a department at work.

Last week student leaders from within the Suva District attended the Impact Student Leadership Conference. The conference was organised by leading Australian student leadership training organisation, Impact Leadership. Opening it Minister for Education, Filipe Bole, said: " Leaders set examples and such programmes ensure that our secondary student leaders perform exceptionally for the advancement of their schools."

The conference aimed at developing leadership skills, capabilities and competencies among young people so that they can have a positive influence on those around them. The programme was developed to prepare student leaders in practical ways.

They were equipped with alternatives to discover and use methods to handle conflict, discovering and using styles of leadership, how to conduct student led events and public speaking skills.

Leadership is about style, personality and how this impacts on the different roles and purposes of the school. It is about persuading colleagues where to go next and why it is important to get there.

Management is simpler to define. It is really about seeing what needs to be done and creating and putting together all the different bits of the organisation so that you get where you need to go as quickly and as efficiently as possible. Good leaders are usually very creative organisers and managers

Such a conference is good for students. Hopefully it can also be carried out in other divisions.

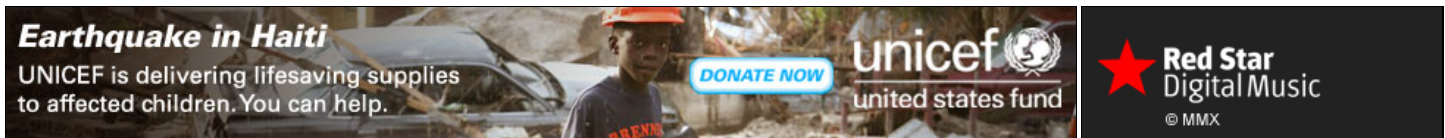
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