In October, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Professor Pip Pattison published a discussion paper, *Towards a distinctive Sydney education*. The paper is in two parts, each of which proposes a set of recommendations for consideration and asks a series of related questions.

The first part addresses the character and impact of a Sydney education, and makes recommendations relating to our curriculum and profile of degree offerings, and how we could promote depth of learning within our courses by developing experiential learning (eg research projects, workplace projects or interdisciplinary projects).

The second part of the paper proposes some broad parameters for the University’s approach to education and the educational environment needed to support it. It includes recommendations relating to how we use enquiry-based, practice-based and collaborative educational designs, benefit from formal and informal student feedback, develop a culture of innovation, openness and experimentation in our approach to teaching, and optimise a digital environment that supports our educational goals.

Professor Pattison will lead a series of discussion forums in faculties, professional service units and relevant Senior Executive Group and Academic Board committees throughout October and November. Feedback obtained through these various consultation mechanisms will inform the development of an educational vision for the University, to be submitted for approval to the Senior Executive Group in early 2015.

If you would like to contribute to the discussion, join the conversation and submit your comments and suggestions by 28 November.