**2015 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL WORK**

**CONFERENCES, SHORT COURSES & WORKSHOP DAYS**

**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH**

**FRI 6**

**THE COURAGEOUS TEACHER:**
**TEACHING FROM WITHIN - A DAY OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL | KIRSTY MCGEOCH**

This one-day workshop will model the teacher reflective practice approach developed by the Center for Courage and Renewal in the USA, and based on the work of educator, writer and activist, Dr Parker Palmer: http://www.couragerenewal.org/courage-to-teach. The principles of courage, self-discovery, vulnerability, courage and renewal will be enacted, and energised teachers are the indispensable component in school success, and that honouring them and renewing their passion strengthens every effort to improve teaching, learning, and the human experience essential to education. Cost: $275

This workshop will be repeated on Friday 5 June.

**FRI 13**

**FINDING OUR HOMELAND: FROM MY PLACE TO AUSTRALIANS ALL | NADIA WHATELEY**

This one-day workshop will engage you in a way of thinking that has its centre and story as its expression. Please join us for this exploration of our Australian historical, environmental, geographical and artistic past, present and future. For teachers of Stages 2 and 3, this holistic, cross-curricular professional learning day will address a range of standards across KLAs including (but not limited to) English, History, Geography and the Creative Arts. Cost: $275


**APRIL**

**FRI 24**

**USING IMAGINATIVE LITERATURE IN YOUR ENGLISH CURRICULUM K - 6 | ROBYN EWING & BILL SPENCE**

Using a range of contemporary children’s literature and drawing on classroom experiences, this course explores student engagement, deep understanding and learning and, consequently, enhanced learning outcomes. Critical literacies, the role of the arts in quality learning and the place of literature in the Australian Curriculum: English for K-6 are also considered. Cost: $275

This workshop will be repeated on Friday 28 August.

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**MEDIA ARTS ALIVE: ENGAGING THE K - 6 CLASSROOM | KIRSTY MCGEOCH**

In this two-day professional learning program, participants will be familiarised with the Arts strand of creative arts, which was newly added to the Australian Curriculum in 2015. After an introduction to key concepts and processes of media arts for K-6 students, along with examples of student-generated media, participants will engage in a unit of work that can be replicated in their classrooms. Cost: $585

This workshop will be repeated on Thursday 20 & Friday 21 May.

**MAY**

**FRI 1**

**DESIGNING RICH ASSESSMENT TASKS FOR SECONDARY MATHEMATICS (7 - 10) | JUDY ANDERSON & STUART PALMER**

The new secondary mathematics syllabus for Years 7 to 10 requires teachers to design and implement rich tasks, or, integrated teaching, learning and assessment activities. This workshop will enable participants to evaluate examples of rich tasks for a range of topics in the new syllabus. Cost: $275

This workshop will be repeated on Friday 24 July.

**FRI 8**

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP | CATHE BURGESS & RAE CARLSON**

Aboriginal education is often a difficult area to address in schools because, typically, teachers have little educational or personal experience. Despite their commitment to Aboriginal education, they worry about getting it wrong and offending Aboriginal people. Many teachers struggle with the fact that they are not ‘expert’ in this area. This workshop will help those fears by covering key basics such as community consultation and engagement, teaching Aboriginal students, the national cross curriculum priority - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures and appropriate resourcing.

Teacher knowledge and understanding of their local Aboriginal community and ability to work with this community is a key determinant in success, and that honouring them and renewing their passion strengthens every effort to improve teaching, learning, and the human experience essential to education. Cost: $275

**FRI 15**

**IMPLEMENTING THE NEW K - 6 SCIENCE SYLLABUS | CHRISTINE PRESTON**

This one-day workshop will provide opportunities for primary teachers to discuss the differences between the current and the incoming syllabus. A combination of presentations and practical sessions will assist teachers in building their programs to meet the content and assessment requirements of the new syllabus, and to enhance student engagement and knowledge in Science across the ESSL to 3 stages.

This workshop will be repeated on Friday 22 June.

**FRI 22**

**TEACHING CREATIVELY IN PRIMARY CLASSROOMS | ROBYN EWING, ROBYN GIBSON & VICTORIA CAMPBELL**

Through a series of concurrent practical sessions, this interactive workshop day will explore how quality arts experiences can be meaningfully integrated across the primary curriculum to considerably enhance the educational outcomes of children. All participants will have the opportunity to experience all sessions on the day, and all activities can be easily adapted for use in the classroom. Some of the day’s activities will draw from valuable resources, texts, written and edited by our presenters, and we will endeavour to have copies available for purchase on the day at a discounted rate. Cost: $275

This workshop will be repeated on Friday 16 October.

**FRI 29**

**TEACHING READING AND WRITING FOR MIDDLE YEARS SYLLABUS REQUIREMENTS | BILL SPENCE**

Research consistently shows that students’ learning plateaus in the middle years of schooling. One factor for this, that teachers can readily address, is the increased literacy demands of middle years’ syllabuses. This course enables teachers to: articulate the reading and writing skills and understandings required by students to access content and achieve syllabus outcomes in their subject areas; expand and enhance the teaching of the reading and writing required for learning in their subject areas; use a range of strategies to support and develop students’ reading and writing skills. Cost: $275

This workshop will be repeated on Friday 29 October.
## Conferences, Short Courses & Workshop Days

### 2015 Professional Learning

**Faculty of Education & Social Work**

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<td>SUCCESSFUL LEARNING CONFERENCE 2015</td>
<td>This annual conference focuses on the provision of quality education for students K–12 who experience difficulties learning in a mainstream classroom setting. Participants may attend both conferences as a stand-alone event, or as part of the Certificate in Educational Studies (Learning Support). Cost: 2 Days $685</td>
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### Testimonials

**From My Place to Australians All**

Presented by Nadia Wheatley in June 2014

“Nadia explained how to incorporate all of my expectations into my teaching. Her workshop was fast paced and interesting, with a mixture of practical activities and some instruction. Nadia taught with quality teaching in mind. She used narrative and background knowledge, using our own stories to enhance the techniques she introduced to us”. This workshop will be held on 13 March 2015

**Implementing the New K - 6 Science Syllabus**

Presented by Louise Sutherland & Christine Prinston in May 2014

“This was an extremely useful day. A fantastic mix of delving into the syllabus and explanations of why things are important and how they fit - with hands on practical ideas. Thank you, I feel super engaged about this syllabus”. This workshop will be held on 15 May 2015

**Designing Rich Assessment Tasks for Secondary Mathematics**

Presented by Judy Anderson & Stuart Palmer in February 2014

“A great inspiration for teachers to prepare and create rich assessment tasks in the new curriculum. A very good day, I will be reporting back to my staff and implementing what I have learnt”. This workshop will be held on 1 May & 24 July 2015

### Aboriginal Education Workshop

Presented by Cathie Burgess & Rae Carlson in July 2014

“A very informative workshop with very engaging lecturers”. “Wonderful range of presenters and a good mix of practical advice”. “Plenty of great resources were provided and hearing the presenters and guest speakers was inspiring”. This workshop will be held on 8 May 2015

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For more information about these events, or to discuss customised programs for your school, contact the Professional Learning team:

Nina Goodwin 9351 6329, Rachel Payne 9351 8520 or Tatum Touma 9351 2922, or head to the website at: sydney.edu.au/education_social_work/professional_learning