

Professional Experience Office
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Centre for
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Learning

The Inspiring Educator

A conference for pre-service and early
career teachers

July 21 – 22 Mt Gravatt Campus



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Our Keynote Speakers

Nigel Collin



Nigel is a champion of creativity—which means he works with organisations to help them lead their creative people to get results. After fifteen years in the creative sector Nigel realized the challenge with creativity is not in finding creative people, or teaching your people to be more creative. It's in knowing how to lead your creative people, harness their genius and direct it towards viable outcomes.

For nine years Nigel owned and ran Absurd Entertainment – an Entertainment design company, before passing the baton on in 2004. He worked on a multitude of corporate and public events including the 2000 Sydney Olympics and Paralympics, The Sydney Royal Easter Show 1997–2003 and was Show Director for Australia's largest-ever corporate event in Sydney in 2005. Many companies across a myriad of industries including IT, Entertainment, Design, Events, Marketing, Finance, Pharmaceuticals, Government and Telecommunications have benefited from Nigel's experience and expertise. He has studied organisational creativity at The Walt Disney Company, USA and sat on the roundtable for the Queensland Governments 'Year of Creativity'.

Nigel is a CSP, (Certified Professional Speaker) the highest designation offered by the National Speakers Association of Australia. His work has taken him throughout Australia, and around the globe. His website and blog are at www.nigelcollin.com.

Tony Ryan



A former teacher, Tony is an educational consultant and writer, and offers professional support to school organisations throughout the world on issues such as lifelong learning, quality classroom practice.... and enthusiasm for just being alive.

He has presented numerous keynotes and workshops at state, national and world conferences in the past fifteen years. Tony also has been engaged as a teacher-in-residence in over 400 schools throughout several countries. In this role, he teaches extensively, and offers guidance to teachers with their everyday practice.

He is a prolific author of books on effective thinking and learning. These books include *The Ripple Effect*, *Thinkers Keys for Kids*, *Mindlinks*, *Brainstorms*, *Thinkfest* and *The Clever Country Kits*. His latest update of the *Thinkers Keys* features an exciting pack of colourful strategies. His website and blog at www.tonyryan.com.au contain numerous free downloads of his material.

He is an ambassador for School Aid (<http://www.schoolaid.org>), a non-profit organisation that encourages thousands of schools to co-ordinate their fund-raising activities for major local and global disasters. School Aid also provides invaluable assistance to schools in the encouragement of active citizenship opportunities.



Conference Program at a glance

Wednesday July 21

8.30am Registration

9.00am **Conference opening** Professor Richard Bagnall, Acting Dean of Education

9.15am **Keynote: The art of Creativity—a practical approach**, Nigel Collin

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am **Session 1 Workshops**

1A **Understanding the boys' education debate**, Martin Mills

1B **Move to think**, Alissa Phillips

1C **Universal Design for learning: Supporting diversity in the classroom**, Jeff Souter

12.30pm Lunch

1.00pm **Session 2 Workshops**

2A **Funnel Thinking—Generating workable ideas**, Nigel Collin

2B **Whatever happened to the guys from uni?** Craig Wood

2C **Mainstream technologies for inclusive classrooms**, Jeff Souter

2.30pm **Session 3 Workshops**

3A **Engaging students in critical and creative thinking**, Gerard Alford

3B **Think to Ask**, Alissa Phillips

3C **Whatever happened to the guys from uni?** Craig Wood

4.00pm Conference Celebration

Thursday July 22

8.30am Registration

9.00am **Introduction and Housekeeping:** Dr Kay Hartwig

9.15am **Keynote: The Inspiring Educator**, Tony Ryan

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am **Session 4 Workshops**

4A **Surviving your first year**, Tony Ryan

4B **Looking after your well-being as a teacher**, Jane Taylor

12.30pm Lunch

1.00pm **Session 5 Workshops**

5A **Becoming the teacher you want to be**, Eric Frangenheim

5B **Teaching and learning for engagement (including social and emotional learning) – the MindMatters approach**, Jane Taylor

5C **Creative approaches to curriculum design**, Sally Stephens and Cathy Clemot

2.30pm **Address: My story, your story ... Looking forward**, David Barber

3.00pm **Closing remarks: Dr Cheryl Sim**, Conference Convenor



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