2012
PDN School Leaders’ Conference
Ahead of the Game

23 - 24 August 2012
RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast

Speakers include:
Distinguished Professor Viviane Robinson
The University of Auckland
Dr Andrew Martin
Australian Research Fellow
Ms Heather Hopcroft
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Victoria
Inspector Ben Marcus
Queensland Police Service
Dr Denise Meyerson and Ms Jenna Meyerson
Management Consultancy International
Mr Geoff Powell
St Hilda’s School
Professor Karen Starr
Deakin University
Ms Marina Vit
Youngcare
Professor Kenneth Wiltshire AO
The University of Queensland

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Ahead of the Game

In education today, the players, rules and goalposts are constantly changing. Leaders are responsible for a new curriculum, improving student outcomes, pedagogical practice and distributing leadership, just to name a few. Feel like you are running the same race year after year and never moving beyond? Join the outstanding speakers at PDN 2012 and get Ahead of the Game.

Ahead of the Game takes place from 23 – 24 August 2012 at RACV Royal Pines Resort Gold Coast, and is designed specifically for all primary, secondary and special education leaders. Dedicate two days to your leadership capabilities and enjoy a variety of learning options from short, stimulating presentations to focussed keynotes and interactive workshops.

Organised annually for the past 16 years, a PDN Conference presents the key issues which impact on educational leadership. Ahead of the Game will spotlight the role of leadership, networks and partnerships in schools. You’ll hear from international, national and local inspirational leaders, researchers, and practitioners through an exciting, thought provoking and energetic program.

The PDN is a not for profit Queensland schools’ network which operates in partnership with Education Queensland and Griffith University. Driven by a dedicated committee of school leaders, the PDN is committed to supporting the development of leaders at all phases of their career journey.

Keynote Presentations

**Distinguished Professor Viviane Robinson, The University of Auckland**

Viviane Robinson is a Distinguished Professor in the Faculty of Education at The University of Auckland and Academic Director of its Centre for Educational Leadership. She specialises in school improvement, leadership and the relationship between research and the improvement of practice. She is the author of five books and numerous chapters and journal articles. Her latest book entitled “Student-Centred Leadership” was published by Jossey Bass in August, 2011. In this book she presents a compelling account of how school leaders can make a bigger difference to student outcomes and the knowledge and skills they need to do so.

Viviane has consulted on leadership development and research to government agencies and organisations in England, Singapore, Chile, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. She has received awards from national and international professional organisations including the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the New Zealand Secondary Principals Association. In April this year she was made a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association for sustained excellence in educational research.

**Dr Andrew Martin, Australian Research Fellow**

Andrew Martin, PhD, MAPS, is a Registered Psychologist specialising in educational psychology. His work focuses on motivation, engagement, and achievement as well as work into boys’ and girls’ education, gifted and talented, disengagement, academic buoyancy and courage, pedagogy, parenting, teacher-student relationships, and Aboriginal education. He was listed in The Bulletin magazine’s SMART 100 Australians and in the Top 10 in the field of Education. His books, “How to Motivate Your Child For School and Beyond” (Bantam) and “How to Help Your Child Fly Through Life: The 20 Big Issues” (Bantam) are published in five languages and have been enthusiastically received by schools and parents across Australia and beyond. His latest book, “Building Classroom Success, Eliminating Academic Fear and Failure” (Continuum) was published in early 2010.

**Management Consultancy International**

Management Consultancy International will guide you through the methodology, and unleash the power and possibilities of LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY™. LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY™ is a powerful system for introducing change, facilitating strategic planning, increasing innovation and building strong teams. It will encourage you and your team through deep reflection and effective dialogue. Given that eight standard two-by-four stud LEGO bricks can be combined in 102,000,000 different ways, only your imagination creates the limitation on what is possible using the LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY™ methodology. This presentation will ensure you are Ahead of the Game.
## Thursday 23 August

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<td>Your Leadership of Teacher Change</td>
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<td>Transformation cannot be achieved by central directives alone, it has to occur at school, cluster and network levels</td>
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<td>After the fall: Leading people and process after the place has been destroyed</td>
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Preferred name for name tag: ____________________________________________________________

☐ I do not wish to have my personal details on the Participants’ List distributed to Sponsors (refer to privacy policy)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS - Provide details indicating any special requirements to access the Conference:
Dietary needs_______________________________________________________________________________
Physical access or support_________________________ Specific equipment______________________________
Vision support__________________________________ Interpreter_____________________________________

REGISTRATION DETAILS
YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM. REGISTER 3 OR MORE PEOPLE FROM
YOUR SCHOOL AND QUALIFY FOR THE TEAM DISCOUNT.

PDN Member Fees  (Delegates whose school/department or office subscribe annually to the PDN)

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CONFERENCE DINNER
I will be attending the Conference Dinner on Thursday night (included in the registration): ☐ YES ☐ NO
I require ______ extra dinner tickets at a cost of $120.00 each.
Names of extra people attending: __________________________________________________________

PAYMENT DETAILS - This document is a tax invoice when you make payment.
TOTAL COST: $ ______________________

☐ Please invoice my school.
☐ I wish to pay via Corporate Card. I acknowledge PDN will email me the credit card form to be used.
☐ I will pay via EFT and fax an EFT Remittance Advice with this registration form.

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23 - 24 AUGUST, 2012

CONFERENCE VENUE
RACV Royal Pines Resort – Ross Street, Benowa, Gold Coast
RACV Royal Pines Resort is one of Queensland’s largest resorts and the ideal venue for the 2012 PDN Conference. With a purpose built Convention Centre and a range of exceptional facilities, PDN delegates will enjoy high quality service. Situated just a short distance from the heart of the Gold Coast, the resort boasts luxury rooms with high speed Internet access, modern decor and views of the golf course, Gold Coast Hinterland or the beautiful coastline.

ACCOMMODATION
Accommodation is the responsibility of Conference delegates and is to be arranged directly with RACV Royal Pines Resort. Special Conference accommodation rates have been secured for Conference delegates. To book contact Royal Pines Resort. Ph: 1800 886 880

RICOH CONFERENCE DINNER
Swing into party mode at the 2012 Conference Dinner. Promising to be a sensational evening the Conference Dinner provides a wonderful opportunity to sit back and relax or dance and mingle with friends. The night kicks off with complimentary pre-dinner drinks and is always a memorable and fun-filled event. You won’t want to miss it! Dress code: Lounge Suit

REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS
Delegates who submit their registration forms by close of business on Friday 30 March 2012 will be entitled to the Earlybird registration fee. Register three or more people from your leadership team to receive 10% discount off the price of Earlybird or Full registration. All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and include GST. Payment must be made in Australian dollars. A tax invoice receipt will be sent once payment has been processed. Conference satchels and their contents cannot be guaranteed for late registrations.

CANCELLATION POLICY
Registration cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations received before 27 July 2012 will be refunded less $50 to cover administration costs. Cancellations received between 28 July – 10 August 2012 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds are available after 11 August 2011. As an alternative to cancellation, your registration may be transferred to another person without incurring any cost penalty.

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