

WHAT IF?

Embracing complexity
through curriculum innovation

Australian Curriculum Studies Association 2017 Australian Curriculum Conference

Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 October 2017

SHORE Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Blue Street, North Sydney, NSW



By asking 'What if?', this exciting conference will present a dynamic range of views on how we can embrace the complexities of curriculum, explore diverse perspectives and contested issues, radically rethink learning and teaching, and bring creative and innovative curriculum to scale.

- ◆ **What if** we radically rethought learning, teaching, and assessment of curriculum to meet the needs of all learners?
- ◆ **What if** leaders changed the way curriculum was thought about in schools?
- ◆ **What if** curriculum helped us take advantage of diverse perspectives and deal with contested issues?

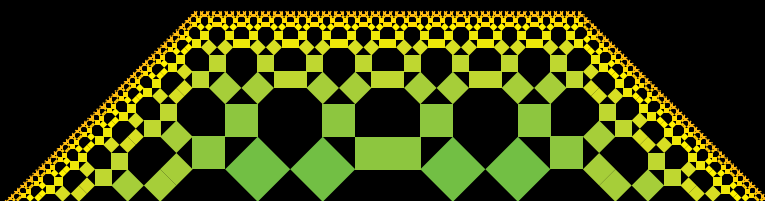
This conference is for everyone—primary and secondary teachers, middle level leaders, curriculum leaders, principals, government leaders, education authorities, professional associations and academics alike—with thought provoking keynote presentations, masterclasses, workshops and a TeachMeet session.

This conference aims to:

- ◆ develop teachers' knowledge and understanding of curriculum innovation
- ◆ provide a platform for the sharing of curriculum innovation and diversity issues in schools
- ◆ raise teachers' and leaders' understanding of diversity and contested issues
- ◆ share research perspectives of curriculum innovation.

Conference keynotes and presentations

The conference offers a mix of expertise in critical curriculum analysis and delivery, and creative future thinking in classroom practice. In presenting curriculum leaders and practitioners with strategies for innovative and authentic engagement, the conference will challenge educators to think about curriculum needs for our diverse student population. Enjoy the coming together of great curriculum minds: teachers, school leaders, authors, poets, curriculum experts and innovators, and those bringing education to the most challenging and diverse teaching environments.



Sensational location and activities!

The conference will take place overlooking the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House at North Sydney's Shore School.

Wednesday 4 October 2017 begins with Registration opening at 2.30pm for a 3.00pm start. The day's program ends with the President's reception on the chapel lawns overlooking Sydney Harbour. This is complimentary for conference delegates and includes drinks and canapes. To end the day, take a stroll through the busy North Sydney CBD, experience the Blue Street cafe culture, or kick on at the famous Commodore or Greenwood Hotels.

Thursday 5 October 2017 starts at 8.45 am with the prestigious Garth Boomer Memorial Lecture presented this year by Bob Lingard. At the end of the day delegates are invited to join us for the optional, but not to be missed, conference gala dinner at the heritage-listed Sunset Room, Crystal Palace at Luna Park with uninterrupted views of Sydney Harbour. The evening begins at 6.00pm with pre-dinner drinks and music to be provided by the Shore String Quartet. As an added bonus dinner guests can view Wendy Whitley's garden during the short walk from Shore to Luna Park.

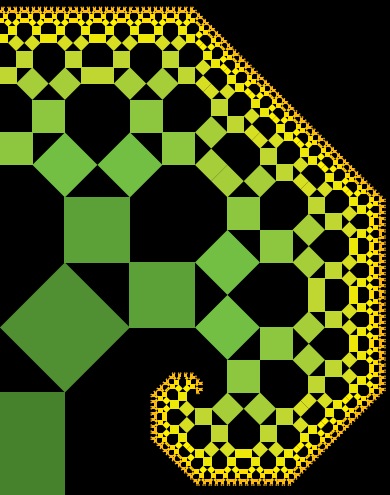
Friday 6 October 2017 is the final day of the conference. It starts at 8.45am and concludes at 3.00pm.

How to take part

For further information and registration go to the conference website at www.acsaconference.acsa.edu.au or call the ACSA Secretariat 02 6260 5660.

Generous group discounts on registration fees available!





Great minds asking what if...

Keynote speakers

- Dan Haesler, educator, writer and consultant
- Kooshyar Karimi, author, doctor and refugee
- Bob Lingard, Professor, Queensland University of Technology
- Oma Musa, author, poet and rapper
- Jan Owen, CEO, Foundation for Young Australians
- Deborah Price, University of South Australia
- Robert Randall, CEO, Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
- Alan Reid, Professor Emeritus, University of South Australia
- Deena Yako, Parents Café, Fairfield and refugee





Presenters

Judy Anderson, Associate Professor, University of Sydney
Tracey Beese, Principal, Kurri Kurri High School
Michael Bignill, Association of Independent Schools NSW
Kalindi Brennan, Interdisciplinary Learning Specialist, Silkwood School
Nina Burridge, Associate Professor, University of Technology Sydney
Janet Cairncross, Assistant Principal, Catherine McAuley, Westmead
Leanne Cameron, Lecturer, Southern Cross University
Pip Cleaves, Consultant, Designing Learning Experience
Bill Cohen, Teacher Librarian, ICT Integrator, Asquith Girls High School
Phillip Cooke, Assistant Principal, Bradfield College
Tracey Donehue, refugee teacher on Nauru
Adelle Dumont, teacher and author
Scott Eacott, Director, Office of Educational Leadership, University of NSW
Robyn Edwards, Association of Independent Schools NSW
Debbie Evans, Principal, Bondi Beach Public School
Melissa Fotea, Student Support, Youth Off the Streets
Carla Gagliano, Head of Teaching and Learning, Masada College
John Goh, Principal, Merrylands East Public School
Tonia Gray, Associate Professor, Western Sydney University
Gavin Hayes, Learning Leader, Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta
Bianca Hewes, Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning, Northern Beaches Secondary College
Lee Hewes, Teacher, Merrylands East Public School
Alan Hope, Deputy Principal Kurri Kurri High School
Penny Lawrence, Leader of Learning: Curriculum, Sydney Catholic Schools
Donna Loughran, Principal, Doonside High School
Kevin Lowe, Indigenous Post-doctoral Fellow at Macquarie University
Linda O'Brien, Principal, Granville Boys High School
Louise Phillips, Lecturer, University of Queensland
Jake Plaskett, Director of Learning Innovation, Ruyton Girls School, Melbourne
Stacey Quince, Principal, Campbelltown Performing Arts High School
Yasodai Selvakumaran, HSIE Teacher, Rooty Hill High School
Donna Jacobs Sife, School Program Director, Together for Humanity
Lou Single, Director Education, Youth Off the Streets
Paul Taylor, Principal, Turramurra North Public School
Tanya Vaughan, Associate Director, Evidence for Learning, Social Ventures Australia
Abi Woldhuis, Head of Professional Growth, Roseville College Primary

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