

Critical, Collaborative and Creative Thinking

Dialogue Education presents Matthew Wills



No matter what profession our students go into their skills in critical thinking, collaboration and creativity are vitally important. Recent research provides educators with proof that these skills are substantially improved where students participate in a short weekly period of philosophical communities of inquiry. When this is done more often the impact on student learning can be profound and extensive. This seminar is designed to answer the following questions:

- How can we explicitly develop students' critical thinking skills in the classroom and the co-curricular program at my school?
- Given the competitive nature of our education system how can my school develop a climate where collaborative thinking is celebrated and fostered?
- What is a Philosothon and how can our school get involved or how can we improve our current standing in our local Philosothon?
- What is an Ethics Olympiad and how can it provide opportunities for students to engage with other students around the world about important ethical issues?
- What is a philosophical community of inquiry and how can my school develop a whole school approach to democracy in the classroom?
- I need interactive and dynamic resources I can use in the classroom and share with my school colleagues. Can you help?

The seminar will be particularly useful for teachers of English, Civics and Citizenship, Personal Development, Philosophy and Ethics, Gifted and Talented, Curriculum coordinators, Chaplains, Religious Education teachers, Principals, Deputy Principals and anyone else interested in teaching higher order thinking skills.



Matthew Wills is the Head of Philosophy, Values and Religion at Hale School in Perth, Western Australia. He has worked in excellent independent schools in NSW, SA and WA. Until 2007 he was the Chief Executive Officer for DAN, a network of over 450 Australasian schools and universities. In 2009 he was awarded the Winston Churchill Fellowship and an Australia Award in 2013 from the federal government for excellence in teaching. He is an executive member of the WA Association of Philosophy in Schools. He has completed level 1 and level 2 training in P4C and he has been instrumental in the successful introduction and growth of various popular initiatives to promote Philosophy and Ethics for senior students including Philosothons and Ethics Olympiads. In 2015 he was awarded the Outstanding Professional Service Award from the Professional Teaching Council of Western Australia.



Cost: \$268 – per delegate (\$248 - If more than two delegates attend from one school-Max three) Lunch and morning tea included. We will post you an invoice on receiving your registration details.

Registration Form (Registrations can also be made online at www.dialogueaus.com)

Name (s)
 School..... Email Address (es).....
 Position?.....

SEMINARS

- Perth - Tuesday 21st March - Wesley College
- Canberra Monday 27th March - Canberra GGS
- Melbourne – Tuesday 28th March 28 - Scotch College
- Auckland Thurs 30th March - Diocesan School
- Christchurch Fri 31st March - Rangī Ruru School
- Brisbane - Monday April 3rd - Anglican CGS
- Sydney – Tuesday April 4th - Cranbrook School
- Hobart - Friday April 7th - The Hutchins School
- Adelaide – Monday April 10th - Prince Alfred College

Seminar Timing: Starts- 9.30 am-Finishes - 3.00 pm

FREE TEACHING PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS REOURCES

Note: Each delegate will receive a free Resource Package including over 40 extensive Power-point, games and video presentations for teachers to use with their students.

- What is Philosophy?: 42 pages
- Plato: 33 pages
- Aristotle : 24 pages
- Logical Fallacies: 41 pages
- Philosophy of Religion- 29 pages
- Teaching Logic – 85 pages
- Justice – 28 pages
- Many more resources

Feedback:

- “Lots of good ideas that can be adapted to our situation - mind bending”
- “Very hands on and incredibly interesting”
- “A good variety of ideas and this stimulated my own thinking”
- “Biggest plus was being led by someone who is passionate and knowledgeable about Philosophy”
- “Very worthwhile”

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