

School of Education - Update

Term 3, 2019



From the Executive Dean

Welcome all to our Term 3 newsletter.

In our last newsletter I alluded to the increased engagement with schools in the South West region and am pleased to say that we have had a great response from our students and schools. This term, 10 of our Secondary students who reside in Perth now have the opportunity to undertake a professional experience in the Bunbury region, and I thank the schools who have embraced this and offered them placements. The School of Education is assisting the students with accommodation at our SW Campus.

My thanks also to the school staff who provided feedback on our Semester 1 professional experience placements. We have had in excess of 450 responses which is unprecedented and invaluable to the ongoing review of our courses. We do take your feedback seriously and we will review the comments made as part of our continuous improvement.

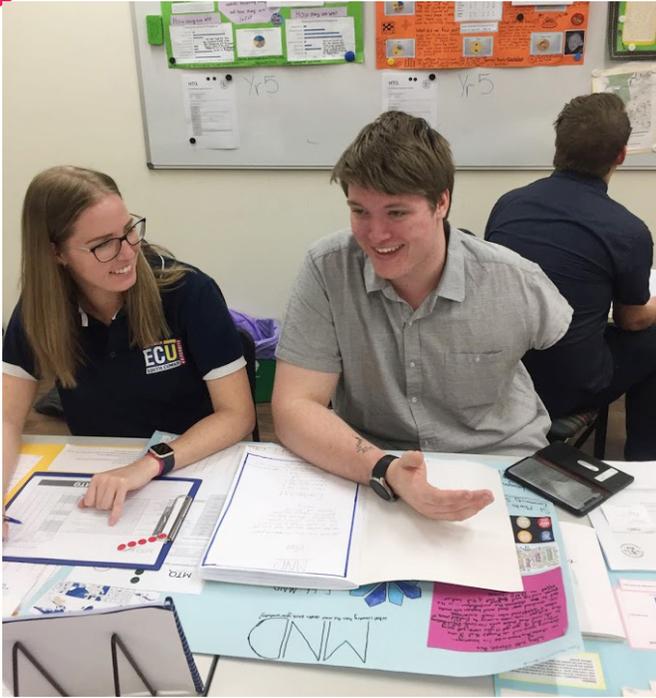
The newly introduced, national requirement for the rigorous assessment of pre-service teachers is the Teaching Performance Assessment. Nationally there are only three TPAs that are approved by AITSL. Our TPA which is approved, was trialled in Semester 1 with great success. Both staff and students found it a rewarding experience and it highlighted the quality of our graduates. I will provide greater detail about this in the coming months. We are confident that this will serve to increase confidence in our graduates that they have demonstrated, met and exceeded the TPA requirements to be classroom ready.

Thank you and my very best wishes for the remainder of Term 3.

Best wishes

Professor Stephen Winn
 Executive Dean, School of Education





Maths students shine

School of Education students studying Mathematics as a major have participated in an OLN remediation program at Mindarie Secondary College. They assisted the Year 12 students prepare for their upcoming numeracy assessment. These students were also judges at the MAWA (Maths Association of Western Australia) Maths Talent Quest competition in August. The School of Education is delighted to have hosted this event again this year.

Assistant Teacher Program

Our final year ATP students are always in high demand and many mentor teachers were disappointed to have missed out on the opportunity to work with these pre-service teachers in 2019. Please note that we will be sending out requests for these professional experiences in November 2019, and these will be finalised early in 2020, so if you are interested, please respond to the request email at your earliest convenience this year.

With thanks from the Placements Team

Quality mentoring

On Thursday 4 July, Associate Professor Nicola Johnson co-facilitated a professional development day for leading teachers and school leaders with ECU partner school Roseworth Primary in Girrawheen. Dr Johnson outlined some previously published literature about quality mentoring and provided some frameworks for future development and enhancement of mentoring both novice and experienced teachers within the school. If you would like to know more, please contact [Nicola Johnson](#).



Muludja Remote Community School

Recently, Dr Lorraine Hammond AM visited Muludja Remote Community School, 20kms east of Fitzroy Crossing, in the Kimberley District of WA, to conduct coaching with staff and demonstrate high impact literacy lessons. There are currently 22 schools in the Kimberley Schools Project who attend four days of professional learning designed and delivered by Lorraine. While the focus of the Project is K-2, because 'a high tide raises all ships', students of all age participate. In this photo, Lorraine has just taught phoneme segmentation and phonic knowledge (igh) to year 3 and 4 students to encode (spell) some words.

Learning with our iconic Black Swan: How multispecies stories generate new climate change pedagogies with young children

Join School of Education's Professor Mindy Blaise as she discusses how conventional early childhood education methods can be approached differently, to help solve issues around environmental degradation and climate change.



Drawing from an ecologically responsive inquiry of children's relations with water, she will show how encounters with the Black Swan activate new pedagogies that can extend reparative possibilities and alternative futures. Her interdisciplinary and multisensory project aims to change the ways children relate with waste, water, and weather.

When: Wednesday, 2 October 2019
10.45am for 11.00am sharp start
Refreshments from 12.00pm to 1.00pm

Where: Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley Campus
2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley
Building 3, Lecture Theatre 3.201

RSVP: Please [register your attendance online](#) by Friday, 27 September.



Using Maths to Empower Future Female Leaders

A new partnership at ECU brokered by the School of Education seeks to inspire female secondary students to become future leaders in the world of mathematics.

The Maths Empowering Girls Day was held on 2 July 2019 and saw 240 Year 9 school girls attend a full day of interactive mathematics-based activities.

The event was the result of a collaboration between the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA) and Penrhos College and the School of Education, with participating students drawn from across 18 different secondary schools and another 70 students on the waitlist.

Chaired by MAWA Executive Officer Paula McMahon, the event featured keynotes from Leading Seaman Cristy Hazelman from the Royal Australian Navy and Shelley Kalms, Chief Digital Officer at Woodside.

Paula McMahon said participating students had the chance to hear from a range of inspirational women across the STEMM subject areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine.

“We are very pleased to give Year 9 girls the opportunity to hear from industry specialists about having an appreciation where higher-level maths can lead them. A great day of workshops and speed dating ensured that students left enthused to examine future career options, even in some very unlikely places!”

To enquire about possible industry collaborations with the School of Education, please contact [Julie Boston](#).

HPE in Kununurra

In conjunction with ACHPER WA (The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation) and ECU sessional HPE lecturer Vicki Delves, Dr Donna Barwood travelled to Kununurra in the far north of Western Australian to support remote and rural teachers delivering HPE. Through the provision of two days of professional learning, Primary and Secondary teachers from Kununurra, Wyndham, Halls Creek and Kalumburu were engaged in a full-day health education workshop and a full-day physical education workshop. Notably, two recent ECU HPE graduates based at Kalumburu Remote Community School were in attendance.

Much was gained and learnt from the collaboration with Kununurra District High School including connecting teachers who are isolated, insights as to what it is really like to deliver PE in extreme heat and the challenges and opportunities of working in rural and remote communities. Who would have known that driving many kilometres for the best chicken salt in the north was such a priority?

ECU greatly appreciates the support of Kununurra DHS, especially the Principal Kate Wilson who as an ex-HPE teacher herself, provided the setting to bring together such an energetic group of teachers both experienced and developing.



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Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Awards WA

The School of Education is a proud supporter of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Awards WA. Here in the School of Education we have partnered with Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Awards WA to offer our pre-service teachers the opportunity to undertake the [Award Leaders](#) program. With more than 26,000 young people registering every year into [The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award](#) or [Ignite Award](#), and over 1,200 schools throughout Australia offering the Awards, demand is very high for trained Award Leaders.

Recently we had the privilege of attending the 60th Anniversary Reception with The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia and Awards WA Patron on 20 August 2019. This Reception and the 60th Anniversary it celebrates marks a milestone in the history of the Award in Australia.

If you would like to learn more about the Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards then please visit [Awards WA](#) website.

Building Hearts Strengthening Minds

The 2019 ACHPERWA conference, Building Hearts Strengthening Minds, will be held at ECU's Mt Lawley campus from 25-27 November this year.

The Conference is for teachers of Health and Physical Education, Dance, Outdoor Education and Recreation teaching all years from Kindergarten to Year 12. It brings together the HPE community to empower, action and mobilise teachers to grow, shape and support the future(s) of young West Australians through innovative, creative and inclusive practice, and a community of committed professionals who want to make a difference.

To register for the conference or to find out more information visit the [ACHERWA](#) website

Associate Professor Lorraine Hammond AM

School of Education's Associate Professor Lorraine Hammond was appointed Member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday honours list for her services to education. We are very proud to have Associate Professor Hammond as part of our expert team in the School.



ECU's Arts Insight 2019 - Exclusive Arts and Humanities tour

ECU's School of Arts and Humanities would like to extend an invite to your students to our 2019 Arts Insight event.

Taking place on our Mount Lawley Campus, the School will be opening its doors to allow interested students to explore our state-of-the-art facilities. In an exclusive tour prior to the evening debut of ArtsHum 2019, guests will have the opportunity to meet and greet with the Arts and Humanities Executive Dean, plus an intimate Q&A session with some of the School's top lecturers. Arts Insight will provide a comprehensive and all-encompassing experience of our arts courses.

We would greatly appreciate if you could promote the event to Year 11 and 12 students interested in media and arts.

When: Thursday, 28 November 2019
4:15pm for a 4.30pm start

Where: Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley Campus
2 Bradford Street, Mount Lawley
Building 3, Lecture Theatre 3.101

RSVP: Registrations for Arts Insight are essential, please [register online via TryBooking](#).

If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact the [School of Arts and Humanities](#).