# ACER – ICT Mini Conference

## Teaching in a Digital World: e-magining Digital Possibilities Today

This one day conference will assist teachers to evaluate their practices and explore ways in which ICTs can be effectively integrated into the curriculum to create engaging student centred learning environments.

This conference is also the launch of a series of professional learning opportunities that aim to give teachers practical and 'hands-on' strategies for integrating ICTs into the curriculum.

| Date | Venue | Cost |
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| Friday 23 March 9.15am – 3.15pm | Marist College Ashgrove – Cyprian Pavilion | $99 per person [Includes GST, lunch & workshop materials]. |

*Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are impacting on all aspects of society. The attitudes and values of young people differ to those of previous generations. This necessitates that educators attain a greater understanding of the digital culture that we live in and the learning preferences of our students. Teachers need to re-think their notions of curriculum, pedagogy, learning and assessment.*

# Sessions

## 1 A New Frontier: Using Technology to Support and Address Integrated Curriculum

**John Raiti**

The emergence of an internet and digital culture is having a deep impact on teaching and learning. This presentation will explore the challenges faced by schools in redefining a new paradigm of learning and suggest practical ways the internet and new literacies can be integrated into teaching practices.

## 2 'All Roads Lead to Rome'

**Kay Cantwell**

This presentation will explore how Information and Communication Technologies can be maximised within the information literate school community to develop life long learning skills in teachers and students. The premise suggests that ICTs should not be the centrepoint of the school curriculum, but one of multiple approaches to support the emergence of students and teachers who have 'learned how to learn'.

## 3 Managing the ICT Classroom

**Anna Kinnane**

This presentation will focus on planning and designing learning opportunities for ICT integration [with emphasis on the primary school classroom]. The session will conclude with everyday classroom management tips and strategies for ICT integration that are practical and easy to implement.

In 2007, ACER and Marist College Ashgrove developed a relationship that saw the beginning of ACER developing professional learning programs to educators in Queensland. Semester One 2007, will see ACER in conjunction with Marist College Ashgrove, offer five scheduled single day ICT workshops.

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# Workshops

## 1 Using Digital Presentations to Engage Students

**30 March 2007**                    **9.15am – 3.00pm**

[A skill-based workshop for beginners]

Get your message across in your teaching or in a staff meeting in a visually appealing way by using Microsoft PowerPoint® and the drawing tools in Microsoft Word®. This course for beginners covers:

**PowerPoint®**

- designing & running simple presentations
- the use of clip art and pictures
- the use of slides, graphs & diagrams
- using the drawing toolbar

**Word®**

- using the drawing toolbar
- creating tables
- using borders and shading
- adding headers & footers

## 2 Enhancing Thinking with Graphic Organisers

**30 April 07 or 11 May 2007**          **9.15am – 3.00pm**

Inspiration® is software that can be used to support critical thinking, comprehension and writing in all curriculum areas. Inspiration® is used across the curriculum for a variety of visual thinking and learning activities, including concept mapping, outlining, webbing, brainstorming, and mind mapping. It is a tool that is used by students & teachers to develop ideas and organise thinking. This software is widely used in schools in Australia where it is used by many educators for teaching thinking skills.

This workshop will focus on:

- the basic functions in the Inspiration® software
- how other tools (e.g. Microsoft Word® & Microsoft PowerPoint®) can be used to create concept maps and mind maps
- explore some of the ways a visual learning tool can be used in teaching & learning.

# ICT Workshops

*This suite of ICT workshops gives teachers an opportunity to explore how ICTs can be effectively integrated into their teaching practices. All workshops are 'hands-on' and in small groups to allow maximum interaction. You can register for one or more workshops.*



John Raiti
**Facilitator of all workshops**

**Numbers strictly limited**

| Venue for all workshops | Facilitator | Cost |
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| Marist College Ashgrove – ICT Curriculum & Support Training Room | John Raiti | $110 per workshop [Includes GST, lunch & workshop materials]. |

# Workshops

## 3 Surfing the Information Waves: Information Literacy for the 21st Century

**17 May 2007**                    **9.15am – 3.00pm**

This workshop focuses on:

(1) strategies that will assist your students with evaluating and reading online material and

(2) how some Web 2.0 technologies (e.g. Wikis, Social Bookmarking and RSS) can be used to enhance student learning and information literacy.

(3) Some of the search strategies, tips and techniques that can assist you and your students find the right information.

## 4 Digital Adventures with Web Quests: Problem Based Learning

**29 May 07**                    **9.15am – 3.00pm**

In the last decade, educators have started to use the internet to collect & create relevant & engaging resources for their students.

These include the following types of web based resources:

- **Hot Lists** (a collection of relevant websites)
- **Knowledge Hunts**(used to develop some solid knowledge on a subject, through web pages that hold valuable information e.g. text, graphic, sound, video, etc.
- **Subject Samplers**(a way of getting your students to feel connected to a topic and to feel that the subject matter really matters)
- **Web Quests**(inquiry-orientated group work activity that emphasizes higher order thinking using pre-defined resources from the Internet and other sources).

In this workshop, teachers will learn how to create the web based resources listed above and explore how these can enhance student learning.

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## Registration form - ICT Workshops

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# Presenters

### Anna Kinnane

Anna Kinnane has taught in primary school classrooms in Queensland for 22 years. She has also worked as an educational consultant providing educational services and resources for both government and private organisations. Anna currently works as Head of Curriculum at a Brisbane Primary School. Her expertise in ICT integration has been recognised at the State level where she has received awards for work undertaken in this area. Anna has worked collaboratively with teachers to improve the integration of ICTs within curriculum units and provided professional development for teachers to help strengthen their capacities in this area.

### John Raiti

John Raiti is the ICT Curriculum Support Coordinator at Marist College Ashgrove.

In his current role, John is responsible for the design and delivery of an extensive in-house professional development program at the College and he works closely with 112 teachers and 40 school officers. His specific brief is to assist all teachers in Years- 5-12 with integrating technology into classroom practice and with addressing issues with regard to pedagogy.

His current interests involve studying the impact of the internet on popular culture and the ramifications of internet technologies and digital culture on curriculum and teaching practices in primary and secondary schools.

### Kay Cantwell

Kay Cantwell is Assistant Principal at St Agatha's School, Clayfield, Her current role encompasses the roles of Religious Education Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator and Information Communication Technologies Coordinator. The combination of these roles allows Kay to assist teachers in developing connected curriculum units that authentically integrate multiliteracies and ICTs.. Her interests include information literacy, children's literature and exploring possibilities in technology, particularly with regard to how new technologies may be utilised to enhance teaching and learning.

## Registration form - Mini conference 23 March

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