



LEAD TEACHING FOR THINKING IN YOUR SCHOOL!



UQ
Critical Thinking Project



The *Aspiring Thinkers Network*, with member schools throughout Queensland, provides the expert guidance, collaborative network and professional learning pathway required to lead teaching for thinking at your school.

Membership upskills teachers and school leaders in how to:

- embed [Critical and Creative Thinking](#) across P-10 subjects and [21st century skills](#) within re-developed senior syllabuses;
- develop cognitive skills via a shift in focus from knowledge to inquiry;
- think and plan in the language of student cognition, to facilitate metacognition and provide a language of feedback;
- create and implement a professional learning program that develops teaching for thinking skills in your staff during 2018;
- measure changes in student outcomes and staff capability according to [Department of Education guidelines](#).

Date/Time	Activity
Term 3, Week 3 Before, during and after school times available (times tbc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction Web Conference (30 minute online session). • Brief online preparation.
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 August Term 3, Week 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am: Arrival • 9:00am-4:00pm: Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-day workshop at University of Qld, St Lucia, Brisbane • More details will be provided after registration.
NB: The next opportunity to join is in October, 2018.	

FEEDBACK

Our school has invested in a group of staff who have joined Aspiring Thinkers. The pedagogical schema and resources provided by the UQ Critical Thinking Project are proving to be very useful across the KLAs. The online activities and masterclasses coordinated by the IMPACT Centre are an excellent way to maintain momentum and keep the team's enthusiasm high. We have also benefited from the connection with peers in other schools.

REGISTER HERE!

By Wednesday 1 August, 2018



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Join our powerful network:

Aspiring Thinkers expands the quality and scale of engagement between Queensland teachers, school leaders, the University of Queensland and the IMPACT Centre.

Build leadership capability:

Aspiring Thinkers builds leadership capability in line with [DoE's school improvement model](#). Mentoring services will follow the initial two-day workshop to ensure that participants [engage in inquiry](#) and apply the [standards of evidence](#). Ongoing collaboration will ensure that teachers translate what they have learned into effective classroom practices.



Improve student achievement:

The IMPACT Centre's Critical Thinking programs (2012-2018) have achieved significant relative gains for students on NAPLAN across all literacy and numeracy strands and improved student achievement in classroom subjects. [Read more.](#)

Meet 21st century needs:

- Critical thinking is fundamental to the idea of a “knowledge economy” — the measure of a society’s capacity to anticipate problems and devise solutions.
- Students trained in critical thinking demonstrate advanced analysing, problem solving and questioning techniques, and are better equipped to embrace change as an opportunity rather than a threat.
- Critical thinking is a highly *transferable* skill, applicable in any domain of work or research, and thus the ultimate “21st century skill.” [Read article.](#)

Selection criteria:

- **Band 9-11 schools** must involve a minimum of two aspiring teachers and/or school leaders who have the mindset to lead change, the interpersonal skills to engage your staff and the dedication to actively participate in our professional learning network.
- **Band 5-8 schools** can select one or more staff members with the attributes described above.

Membership fee:

Your initial membership fee, valid for 12 months following the foundational two-day workshop, is **\$950 per person**. Membership includes access to the foundational two-day workshop, one full-day masterclass per term and expert online workshops and collaboration with like-minded colleagues.

NB: Your school will be invoiced by the IMPACT Centre in August 2018. You may need to fund TRS for the two-day workshop and masterclasses. You may also need to fund travel and accommodation expenses if your school is located outside of Brisbane.

The award-winning University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project (UQCTP) enables teachers to articulate reasoning skills within the context of disciplinary knowledge, in a way that empowers students to transfer the language, skill set and cognitive awareness associated with critical thinking to other disciplines and areas of their lives.



Peter Ellerton leads University of Queensland's involvement.

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The IMPACT Centre is University of Queensland's largest community partner. The collaboration includes the co-design of critical thinking courses that have delivered significant and measurable improvement in student literacy and numeracy outcomes.



Glen Watt leads the IMPACT Centre's involvement.

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