

ADVANCING TEACHING AND LEARNING



LEAD TEACHING FOR THINKING

Aspiring Thinkers provides school leaders and teachers with the expert guidance, collaborative network and professional learning pathway required to lead teaching for thinking at your school.

DEVELOP EXPERTISE IN TEACHING FOR THINKING

- Develop cognitive skills via a shift in focus from knowledge to inquiry.
- Align [Critical and Creative Thinking](#) across P-10 subjects and [21st century skills](#) in re-developed senior syllabuses.
- Think and plan in the language of student cognition, facilitate metacognition and provide a language of feedback on thinking.

INTENTIONALLY COLLABORATE

- Network membership begins via a foundational two-day workshop.
- Connect with like-minded network members and plan for implementation.
- Further develop your expertise through intentional collaboration with network members – see *ongoing value* textbox for activity details.

Ongoing Value

- ✓ Membership costs \$950pp and is valid for 12 months following the foundational two-day workshop.
- ✓ Members access an extensive range of online and face-to-face activities (opt-in to those that interest you).
- ✓ Activities include an online induction, one full-day masterclass per term, online professional learning teams and expert or member-presented online workshops.
- ✓ Members actively share practice and resources.

FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOP DATES – TERMS 2-3, 2019

Term	Dates	Location	Register here!
Term 2, Week 2	02/05/19 – 03/05/19 (Thu-Fri)	Brisbane - University of Queensland, St Lucia	
Term 2, Week 6	27/05/19 – 28/05/19 (Mon-Tue)	Loganholme – Fitzzy's Function Centre	
Term 2, Week 6	30/05/19 – 31/05/19 (Thu-Fri)	Townsville – Rydges Hotel	
Term 3, Week 2	25/07/19 – 26/07/19 (Thu-Fri)	Brisbane - University of Queensland, St Lucia	

NB: Additional dates TBA. [Registrations](#) close approximately two weeks prior to the workshop (or earlier if sold out).



Join our powerful network:

Aspiring Thinkers expands the quality and scale of engagement between Queensland teachers, school leaders, the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project ([UQCTP](#)) and the [IMPACT Centre](#). International collaboration with educators from the USA and Canada is under development.

Advance teaching and learning:

Ongoing collaboration with experts and members ensures that teachers and school leaders continually develop their teaching and learning skills beyond the foundational two-day workshop.

Members have access to an online induction, one full-day masterclass per term, online professional learning teams and expert or member-presented online workshops. Topics include how to improve your questioning and feedback skills, how to engage in effective action research.

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:

- **Medium-large** schools/clusters must involve a minimum of **two** leaders and/or teachers who have the mindset to lead change, the interpersonal skills to engage your staff and the dedication to actively participate in the network.
- **Smaller** schools or clusters can select one or more staff members with the attributes described above.

Joining fee:

Aspiring Thinkers operates on a cost-recovery basis. Member fees contribute to costs incurred in hosting and facilitating face-to-face workshops, as well as the time and human resources required to engineer an active professional learning community.

1. **Aspiring Thinkers membership fee = \$950 per member**
Membership is valid for 12 months and includes access to all face-to-face and online activities. An invoice is sent to your school after the foundational workshop.
2. **Learning Place Affiliate Subscriber = \$27 per member + \$405 per school.**
This subscription ensures that your members access the *Aspiring Thinkers* online community — the major platform for collaboration and learning. An invoice is sent to your school each November by the Department of Education’s Learning Place.
 - Total fee for 1 member = $1 \times \$950 + 1 \times \$27 + \$405 = \1382
 - Total fee for 2 members = $2 \times \$950 + 2 \times \$27 + \$405 = \2359
 - Total fee for N members = $N \times \$950 + N \times \$27 + \$405$

UQCTP

The award-winning University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project (UQCTP) is a comprehensive curriculum and engagement program for the development and deployment of critical thinking pedagogies.

The UQCTP actively assists teachers in embedding critical and creative thinking in disciplinary contexts, shifting the focus of education from the dissemination of accumulated knowledge to more autonomous and critical engaged learning.



Prof. Deborah Brown and Peter Ellerton lead UQCTP’s involvement. Link to:

- [Deb’s Profile](#)
- [Peter’s Profile](#)

IMPACT Centre

The Department of Education’s IMPACT Centre is University of Queensland’s largest community partner. The IMPACT Centre are specialists in online learning and deliver premium professional networks to educators across Queensland. [Read more >>](#)