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✓ Effective pedagogy

✓ Systematic curriculum

✓ Expert team

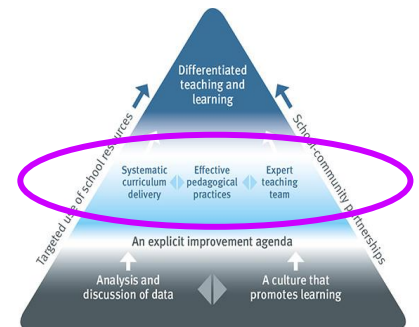
Aspiring Thinkers

Your vehicle for leading thinking in 2020 and beyond

DEVELOP YOURSELF, DEVELOP YOUR TEAM

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.

- ✓ **Improve pedagogical practices** by shifting the focus from knowledge to inquiry, working collaboratively so thinking can be shared and providing a language of feedback on thinking.
- ✓ **Enhance curriculum delivery** by planning for student thinking and aligning cognitive verbs and 21st century skills across P-10 learning areas/general capabilities and Year 11-12 subjects.
- ✓ **Develop expert teaching teams** through a culture of continuous professional improvement, collaboration and the sharing of best practice within school teams and across the *Aspiring Thinkers* network.



WE SUPPORT YOUR SUCCESS

Aspiring Thinkers presents your leaders and teachers with an excellent platform for professional growth.

- Network members and experts intentionally collaborate through online and face-to-face focus topics, workshops and masterclasses.
- Members include principals, school leaders and teachers from 120 schools across all seven regions of Queensland.
- Expert contributors include the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project (UQCTP) and the Department of Education's IMPACT Centre.



The IMPACT Centre and UQCTP partnership began in 2012 through the co-design of the IMPACT Centre's highly acclaimed Critical Thinking program (9000+ students since 2012).

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HOW IT WORKS

1. Join via a two-day foundational workshop.
2. Intentionally collaborate within your school and across the network.
3. Be a thinking leader and scale up success!

JOIN VIA A FOUNDATIONAL TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

Date	Location	Presenter
27-28 FEBRUARY, 2020 - THU-FRI Term 1, Week 5 9:00am - 4:00pm	BRISBANE - UQ St Lucia Register now	Dr Peter Ellerton from the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project facilitates the foundational two-day workshop.
21-22 MAY, 2020 - THU-FRI Term 2, Week 5 9:00am - 4:00pm	BRISBANE - UQ St Lucia Register now	 <i>Dr Peter Ellerton</i>
28-29 MAY, 2020 - THU-FRI Term 2, Week 6 9:00am - 4:00pm	REGIONAL – TBA EOI process - see registration link	
23-24 JULY, 2020 - THU-FRI Term 3, Week 2 9:00am - 4:00pm	BRISBANE - UQ St Lucia Register now	Members and other relevant experts contribute through online and face-to-face focus topics, workshops and masterclasses.
6-7 AUGUST, 2020 - THU-FRI Term 3, Week 4 9:00am - 4:00pm	REGIONAL – TBA EOI process - see registration link	

Note - [Registrations](#) close approximately one week prior to the workshop date (or earlier if sold out).

FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOP CONTENT:

- ✓ How to develop cognitive skills through a shift in focus from knowledge to inquiry.
- ✓ How to think and plan in the language of student cognition.
- ✓ How to work collaboratively so thinking can be shared.
- ✓ How to facilitate metacognition and provide a language of feedback on thinking.
- ✓ Learning experience design.
- ✓ Virtues/characteristics of effective thinkers.

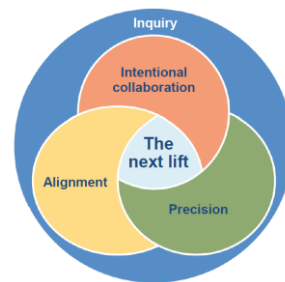
What comes next? Online and face-to-face collaboration, including contributions from members and experts.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- *Aspiring Thinkers* is most suited to primary or secondary school leaders (including principals) and classroom teachers who are passionate about teaching for thinking, have the mindset to lead improvement, the interpersonal skills to influence your staff and the dedication to actively participate in the network.
- Some schools are investing in a “Teaching for Thinking” leadership team and involving representatives from senior management, middle management and key teachers.
- It is highly recommended that medium-large schools/clusters register at least two members to support local leadership and collaboration, however you can register one staff member if desired.
- Small schools/clusters can register one staff member.

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

- *Aspiring Thinkers* engages you and your team in ‘the right work’ if cognitive skills and teaching for thinking are priorities at your school.
- The initial membership fee is **\$950 per person** – this includes participation in the two-day foundational workshop plus network membership for **12 months**.
- *School principals join for free* - no charge for the foundational workshop, no charge to join the network for the first year (not transferable to other staff).
- Members and experts intentionally collaborate and deepen professional learning through online and face-to-face focus topics and masterclasses.
- TRS and travel costs may be necessary for face-to-face workshops.



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