

## Conference Information

The Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations presents its

# 15th Annual Conference

Philosophy for Children Strand: Sharing Successful Strategies and Best Practice

Philosophy in as a Secondary Subject Strand: Developing Philosophy as a school subject in New Zealand

### Philosophy for Children

Key note speakers: Phillip Cam, University of New South Wales. Phil is author of *Thinking Stories 3* and *Thinking Together: Philosophical Inquiry in the Classroom*. He is in constant demand as a speaker at educational conferences and has many years of experience in providing professional development for teachers. He has conducted training programmes and taught courses on Philosophy in Schools in Australia, England, Latvia, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, Singapore and the U.S.A.

Lynne Hinton, principal of Buranda School, Brisbane. Lynne has taken this small inner city Brisbane school from near closure to national award winning status. One of her central strategies was the school wide implementation of the Philosophy for Children programme. Co-author of a new on-line P4C teacher training course.

### Philosophy as a secondary school subject

For this strand of the conference we gratefully acknowledge the support of the Woods Bequest Fund, administered by the Philosophy Dept, University of Auckland.

#### Invited Speakers:

Dr Dan Vine, (Melbourne High School) Janette Poulton, (Rhyme and Reason, Victorian Association of Philosophy in Schools) Dr Stephan Millet, (Wesley College, and University Centre for Applied Ethics and Philosophy., Western Australia) Richard Tweedie. (Hagley Community College, Christchurch), Michael Couch (Canterbury University)

These speakers will share the fruits of their experience in creating and sustaining a secondary school philosophy curriculum. They have been active in curriculum design, text selection, classroom teaching, teacher training and professional development, student support, examining, auditing, reviewing and research.

### Papers and workshops sessions

We call for offers of papers and workshop sessions from all interested participants. Since sharing strategies is our theme, we welcome practical sessions, reflections on teaching practice, demonstration of new materials, and theorizing about any aspect of philosophical inquiry in schools. Contributors have the option of submitting their papers to be considered for publication in the peer reviewed FAPSA journal, Critical and Creative Thinking. Papers to be published in the November issue should be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>, though other papers may be included in the May 2006 issue.

A list of papers and workshops to be presented at the conference will be made available, as they come to hand, on the P4CNZ website [www.p4c.org.nz](http://www.p4c.org.nz)

### Venue and accommodation.

The conference will be held at St Cuthbert's College, Market Rd Epsom, Auckland. Hostel accommodation is available at a very reasonable cost. 11 single and 11 double rooms are available, and up to 80 cubicles. All are NZ\$57 per person per night, and rooms and cubicles will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, unless there are special circumstances. A light breakfast is included in the cost. Detailed directions to the venue will be provided.

### Conference dinner

The conference dinner will be held on Tuesday night, the 27th of September, in the Violet Woods Dining

Room at St Cuthbert's College. The cost is \$32. Vegetarian options will be available, and other special needs catered for. (Please indicate on the registration form)

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