



professional learning networks and interest groups

# Joint Network Event



**ACARA, AITSL and the National Reform Agenda: 2012 and beyond**

Presented by Tony Mackay



**Brain Science and Learning**

Presented by Dr Kerri McKenna

**Wednesday 7 March 2012**  
5.00pm - 8.30pm

**Venue**  
Kingswood College  
355 Station Street  
Box Hill South  
(Melways Ref 47 C12)

**Cost**  
**\$132** (inc GST)  
Cost includes afternoon tea,  
dinner and drinks.

**RSVP**  
Wednesday 29 February 2012

## Program Details

5.00pm Registration and Afternoon Tea (Tour of the school available at this time)  
5.30pm Welcome and Network Business  
5.40pm Presentation and Discussion  
7.00pm Dinner  
8.30pm Meeting Closes

## Program Overview

### Directors of Curriculum and Professional Learning

#### ACARA, AITSL and the National Reform Agenda: 2012 and beyond

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It is anticipated that the education agenda will continue to be one of the dominant features of the Australian political landscape in 2012. The release of the review on funding arrangements for Australian Schools, the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, initiatives in the areas of Teacher and Principal Standards, a National Charter for Professional Learning, a National framework for teacher performance and development, rewarding and recognizing excellence in teaching, online diagnostic assessments, a national framework for school improvement, a focus on empowering local schools and an increasing investment in digital resources and materials to support student learning - all add up to a big year. In this session Tony Mackay will identify and explore elements of the unfolding education reform agenda, highlighting implications for schools and drawing attention to the need for both improvement and innovation in education.

## Teaching & Learning

### Brain Science and Learning

Presented by Kerri McKenna

Over the past five years new imaging technologies have revolutionized our knowledge about the brain and how it works but the links between neuroscience and education are in their infancy.

Often this new knowledge confirms what we, as educators, know from our experience of working with young learners but some of our long-held beliefs are being questioned and debunked rather than affirmed. What are we doing with all this knowledge? How are we analysing and distilling the new information about learning and converging it with what we know, and what we do, as teachers working with students? This presentation will draw on the work of Judy Willis, renowned neuroscientist and educator to explore some of the things we are learning and share some examples of how to turn the knowledge into strategies for action.

## About the Presenters

**Tony Mackay** is CEO, Centre for Strategic Education (CSE) Melbourne, Chair, Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), and Deputy Chair, Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

Tony is Co-Director of the Global Education Leaders Program (GELP) and Chair of the Innovation Unit Ltd, England. He is a consultant advisor to OECD/CERI.

Tony is the Immediate Past President of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) and is a founding member of the Governing Council of the National College for School Leadership in England.

Tony is an Honorary Fellow in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne, a Board Director of the Australian Council for Educational Research, the Asia Education Foundation, and the Foundation for Young Australians.

Tony's policy advice, consultancy and facilitation work focuses on education strategy for Government Departments, Bodies and Agencies, think tanks and leadership teams in Australia, Asia, Europe and North America.

**Dr Kerri McKenna** has worked in primary and secondary school environments for many years. Her interest in how students learn sparks her ongoing research into new technologies in schools and how to exploit the opportunities they provide students and teachers to reshape learning. Kerri loves working with schools to bring together the necessary components of relevant education today: curiosity, reflection, creativity and the will to change. Over the past five years Kerri's has gained accreditation in the areas of emotional intelligence and coaching and she now works as an independent educational consultant through her company myLRNscape, which offers programs and workshops in these fields. Kerri's experience as a teacher and school leader in a range of roles and school settings has built her expertise in the use and impact of information and communications technologies for teaching, learning and organisation; school change; mentoring others into leadership, and action research.

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