



# Philosophy for Teachers

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*A professional development programme for teachers*

Would you like to: -

- ◆ Develop students' thinking and reasoning skills?
- ◆ Encourage concentration and participation?
- ◆ Improve classroom culture and morale?

## Children can do Philosophy

Keeping students interested in their school subjects isn't always easy. Getting them to think reflectively and understand why learning is important can be difficult. Teaching students **Philosophy** is one way to improve interest, engagement and learning.

## Improve Children's Learning

**Philosophy for Teachers** is a training course that teaches you how to run philosophy sessions with your students. You learn about *Philosophy* and the *Community of Inquiry* – the ideal way to explore philosophy. Philosophy can be taught as a stand-alone subject or integrated into the curriculum with other subjects. It makes them more interesting and improves classroom morale.

The aims of the course are: **To teach educators how to run Philosophy sessions; make learning more interesting, fun and relevant; improve: student's thinking, reasoning, discussion and social skills; and improve classroom/ whole school cultures, moral and academic standards.**

## Learning Objectives

Participants will join in several Communities of Inquiry. You will learn about Philosophy and you will practice philosophical discussion techniques. You will learn how to:

- ◆ Facilitate Philosophy sessions with your students in a Community of Inquiry.
- ◆ Develop discussion plans for your sessions.
- ◆ Deliver advanced formats, such as small groups, concept games and visits to places of interest.
- ◆ Integrate Philosophy techniques with the teaching of other subjects across the curriculum.
- ◆ Improve your classroom culture, standards and morale by encouraging wonder and excitement about topics at school and the world at large.

## Format

The course follows FAPSA (Federation of Australasia in Schools Association) guidelines. The course is conveniently structured into 4 x 4-hour workshops and a 2-hour feedback session, making a total of 18-hours. You receive workbooks and other resources at each workshop.

## Participants

The course is structured for 12 participants but more or less can be negotiated. You will need opportunities to work with a class so that you can practice between workshops. Contact us now to arrange a course for your school and begin today to improve your students' interest and performance.

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