

Teacher - (P-12) One Day Workshop

Think! Damn It!: Cognitive and Cooperative Strategies for Scaffolding Thinking

CONTENT OVERVIEW

Think! Damn It! is a hands-on, challenging and engaging workshop in which participants will learn how to create 'a thoughtful future' for their students [and themselves] by:

Creating a Climate for Thinking - Teaching for Thinking

- Thinking About Brain Facts - an introduction to the brain and how it learns 'best'
- Promoting Thinking - questions that need to be asked
- Exploring the Thinking Classroom - planning brain compatible learning environments

Using and Understanding Explicit Strategies - Teaching of Thinking

- Strategies that enhance recall - using cognitive strategies in a cooperative way
- Scaffolding Higher-Order Thinking - Analysis, Decision Making, Creativity
- Strategies that can serve as assessment tools

Encouraging Co-operative Interactions - Teaching with Thinking

- Making explicit the what, how, why and when of Cooperative strategies that work: See-Saw Pairs, Human Bingo, Round Robin, Hot Potato, Silent Card Shuffle
- Apprenticing students as cooperative learners

Stimulating Metacognitive Processing - Teaching about Thinking

- Implications for teaching of Gardner's Multiple Intelligences - the 'ways of knowing'
- Revisiting Bloom's Taxonomy - Understanding the thinking and learning process
- The teacher's role in modelling thinking

The Instructional Approaches

The facilitator will 'walk the talk' by:

- modelling a range of cognitive and cooperative strategies / tools
- making explicit the language and tools of thinking
- engaging teachers in a hands-on and very practical exploration of strategies that will stimulate their students to think more deeply and bring a greater depth of understanding and problem solving ability to their studies and their lives

For workshop dates, times, costs & locations please refer to the event schedule