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STATE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 10th MARCH 2018

“Supporting the Economics Program”

8.30 am – 3.30 pm

BRISBANE GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

8.30 m Registration

9.00 am Keynote Address 1 – Australia in the Global Economy – RBA Presentation

10.00 am Morning Tea

10.30 am Market Failure and Market Concentration – Kerri McKeon and Alex Dale, Assistant Directors, ACCC.

11.30 am The New Economics Syllabus – QCAA Presenter

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30pm Workshop A – Workshops 1 and 2

2.30 pm Workshop B – Workshops 3 and 4

3.30pm Conclusion

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Session details

**Keynote Address 1 Australia in the Global Economy – RBA Speaker**

The RBA Speaker will focus on the Global Economy and Australia’s participation and role within the global economy. This

Presentation will examine graphical data relating to Australia’s participation in the global market. This is a key topic for Semester

1 in the new syllabus.

**Keynote Address 2** **Market Concentration and Market Failure**

Kerri McKeon and Alex Dale will examine some aspects of market concentration and market failure. Market failure is a key topic

for Semester 2 in the new syllabus. They will look at examples of market failure and how the ACCC works to make markets better

for consumers.

**Keynote Address 3 The New Economics Syllabus –Christine Dowd, QCAA**

QCAA representative, Christine Dowd, will facilitate a session on assessment instrument writing for Units 1 and 2 of the Economics Senior Syllabus 2019. This is a practical session, where teachers can draft an assessment instrument with peers, and share ideas and feedback from practicing teachers. Participants should bring a copy or e-copy of the syllabus with them to guide them on their assessment design. It would be an advantage to have completed the Accreditation program on the school portal, and in particular, Course 1 - Attributes of quality assessment, and Course 2 - Assessment item and instrument construction.

Brad Blashak will be accompanying Christine. Brad is Co-Manager of Humanities and Social Sciences at QCAA.

**Workshop 1 External exams and Economics Gerard Alford - ITC Publications**

**Economics and explicit teaching – scaffolding for success!**

The design of any assessment item, including the forthcoming external examinations from 2020, begins with a task verb, such as ‘explain’, ‘discuss’, ‘argue’, or ‘compare’. It is essential that all students know these terms, as it determines how they will approach the task, organise their data and thoughts, and the language they will use.

This practical and interactive session emphasises the need for explicit teaching and the importance of scaffolding tasks with the right thinking tools and the right language, in an Economics context, so that all students can succeed.

**Workshop 2 The Bitcoin Phenomenon Frederique Braccoud, UQ Lecturer**

Frederique will examine the BitCoin phenomenon, discussing what a Bitcoin is, how it is obtained, how it can be used for

payment, and why its value has increased dramatically etc.

**Workshop 3 Developing 21st century skills and Encouraging an Inquiry approach through in-class game play –**

**Breakout Box Activity’ – Tim Fulton, Brisbane Grammar School**

A maximum of 16 participants join in (ideally) and will structure a 5 minute introduction / explanation, 25-30 minute activity and 5 minute debrief. The breakout box will be designed to match one of the new topics or units in the syllabus

**Workshop 4 Resource for the New Syllabus – Sarah Craig (Cengage), Tony De Luca (Clairvaux McKillop College) and Doug Cave (QETA Life Member)**

This session will examine the new resource *Economics for the Real World 4th edition* and its accompanying website using Nelson Net. Sarah will discuss Nelson Net and Doug and Tony will examine the new text, and its structure and provide some teaching ideas that can be used in the classroom with students.

**CONFERENCE COSTS**

The Conference costs are outlined as below. QETA members receive substantial discounts off the full Conference price

**Member Non-Member Pre-Service Teacher**

**Early Bird Registration (Before 3rd March)** $143.00 $165.00 $49.50

**Late Registration (from 4th May onwards)** $165.00 $187.00 $49.50

**Note: Early Brid registration is only completed when payment is received prior to the 3rd March 2018.**

**REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Conference is via the QETA website [www.qeta.com.au](http://www.qeta.com.au) only. From the home page, follow the link in “Upcoming Events” to

complete your registration. Once your registration is complete, a tax invoice will be automatically forwarded to you. Final confirmation of your

registration will be sent upon receipt of payment by QETA. As part of the registration process, you will be asked to select Workshop sessions so

do have these planned prior to registering.

**PLEASE BRING:**

For the session relating to the Economics Syllabus (and perhaps for other sessions as well), QETA requests that you bring a lap top computer

or other similar electronic device.

**PARKING:**

There is limited parking on the grounds of Brisbane Girls Grammar School, and QETA suggests parking in surrounding streets such as Gregory

Terrace. Do watch parking restrictions and metered parking however, to avoid the dreaded parking inspectors!

**PD CERTIFICATE:**

After the Conference, a Professional Development Certificate will be forwarded to you via email, for inclusion in your PD portfolio log.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:**

If you have special dietary requirements please indicate this when registering in the appropriate space.

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