

SPEAKERS

David Perkins

David Perkins is a Senior Professor of Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He was a founding member of Project Zero, a research and development group, co-directed it for almost 30 years, and now serves as senior co-director and a member of its steering committee. His most recent book is *Making Learning Whole: How Seven Principles of Teaching can Transform Education* (Jossey-Bass, 2008). He has also authored *King Arthur's Round Table: How Collaborative Organisations Create Smart Organisations* (Wiley, 2003), *The Eureka Effect* (Norton, 2001), *Outsmarting IQ on intelligence and its cultivation* (The Free Press, 1995), *Knowledge as Design on teaching and learning for understanding* (Erlbaum, 1986), *The Intelligent Eye on learning to think through the arts* (Getty, 1994), and several other books, as



well as many articles. He has also helped develop instructional programs and approaches for teaching understanding and thinking, including initiatives in South Africa, Latin America, Israel, Australia and Sweden. He is a former Guggenheim fellow.

Ron Ritchhart

Ron Ritchhart is a Research Associate at Harvard Project Zero where his work centres on the understanding and development of instructional environments that encourage students' intelligence, understanding, creativity and mindfulness. He currently directs the Cultures of Thinking research project. Before coming to Project Zero, Ron taught elementary and middle school for 14 years, receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. Ron has authored numerous books and articles as well as directed videos that explore how teachers foster understanding, nurture creativity, and make thinking visible. Major works include *Intellectual Character*, *The Creative Classroom Series*, and *Visible Thinking: Pictures of Practice*.



Mark Church

Mark Church was a teacher in both elementary and middle schools for thirteen years. His experiences have included teaching positions in the United States, Japan, Germany, and the Netherlands while being a workshop leader and presenting instructor at various conferences and institutes around the world. While in the classroom, Mark put into practice Harvard Project Zero research including both *Teaching for Understanding* and *Visible Thinking*. Now Mark is the Learning, Assessment, and Instructional Resource Supervisor for the Traverse City Area Public Schools in Michigan – helping to establish and support core reflective groups of teachers and school leaders in their efforts to create more meaningful opportunities for thinking and learning in their classrooms and schools. Mark is also a consultant to the Cultures of Thinking project.



THE 2ND A CULTURE OF THINKING CONFERENCE

23-25 AUGUST 2009 BIALIK COLLEGE

Bialik College is delighted to invite you to a conference featuring Professor David Perkins, Dr Ron Ritchhart and Mr Mark Church from Project Zero of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

This conference will explore questions such as:

- What is a culture of thinking and what might it look like in practice?
- How can a culture of thinking deepen learning and understanding in different subjects?
- What is the role of school leadership in the development of a culture of thinking?
- How can a thoughtful approach to learning in different subject areas enhance student engagement and enthusiasm?
- What impact does a culture of thinking have on students and teachers?
- What might the first steps be in developing a culture of thinking?

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference will commence with a plenary session and supper on the evening of Sunday, August 23 and will continue until Tuesday afternoon with plenary sessions with the Harvard educators each day and concurrent presentations and workshops with practising educators throughout the conference.

Registration includes all plenary and concurrent sessions, supper Sunday night, lunch and refreshment breaks on Monday and Tuesday and a social function on Monday evening.

VENUE /

With the exception of Monday night, all sessions of the conference will be held at Bialik College, 429 Auburn Road, East Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. All participants are invited to a cocktail function at a mystery venue on Monday evening.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Educators who have been examining thinking and its influence in the classroom, making students' thinking visible, or using thinking routines, reflection and other structures that increase students' conceptual understanding of thinking are invited to submit an abstract for a presentation or workshop at the conference. The abstract should explain the connections to the theme of the conference. Please send abstract of no more than 100 words with name/s, affiliation and contact details of presenter/s before February 27, 2009, to A Culture of Thinking Conference email: thinking@etmgroup.com.au



Bialik College is an independent Jewish school catering for students from Kindergarten to year 12. The College has embarked on a collaborative research project with Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The Cultures of Thinking project focuses on the development of a school-wide culture of thinking that supports deep thinking and the nurturing of students' thinking dispositions.

The Cultures of Thinking project, under the patronage of V & A Dorevitch, is sponsored by Bialik College in collaboration with Project Zero and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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