

# NURTURING INQUIRY

## IN The EARLY YEARS

### WORKSHOP WITH KATH MURDOCH

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - 9am - 3pm

Contemporary Learning Hub - Meridan State College

Nurturing inquiry in the Early Years of primary schooling requires a solid understanding of the curriculum, of learning and learner centred pedagogy and, of course, of the children themselves. This is a dynamic, engaging and powerful way to work with young learners. To do this well, teachers also need to be supported as inquirers into their own practice and to plan and assess with an inquiry mindset. Inquiry classrooms are best situated in schools that build a strong culture of inquiry throughout the community.

In this workshop, Kath will build participants' understanding not only of how to ensure strong inquiry practice in the early year's classroom but also strategies for leading and supporting staff.

We will explore the following questions:

- What does quality inquiry learning look like in the Early Year's classroom?
- What 'types' of inquiry work with young learners?
- What physical environments best support an inquiry approach?
- What does a whole school, 'culture of inquiry' mean? How might leaders use an inquiry approach in supporting their staff to innovate and change practice?
- How can we lead teams as the plan for student learning through inquiry?
- How does an inquiry approach help build key skills and disposition (learning assets)?

### Program Information

Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Times: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cost: \$220 ex GST

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### About the Workshop Facilitator

Kath Murdoch is an experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and popular consultant. She is highly regarded for her work in the field of inquiry based learning in which she has taught, researched and published for over three decades. She maintains a strong commitment to supporting teachers in the classroom regularly teaching students in addition to facilitating teacher learning.

Kath began her professional life as a classroom teacher in Melbourne. Her fascination in how students' constructed their understandings - and her interest in the way questions and big ideas could drive curriculum soon lead to a passion for inquiry. This passion has become a career-long focus for teaching, research and writing and the methodologies in which Kath specialises are now central to curriculum frameworks in many parts of the world – including the popular International Baccalaureate, PYP program.

Kath's latest book 'The Power of Inquiry' has been enthusiastically received by teachers around the world – one teacher describing it as a 'guiding light, illuminating the way for teachers and students to share in a process that ignites passion, wonder and awe'. For more information about Kath including clips, resources and her blog – go to [www.kathmurdoch.com.au](http://www.kathmurdoch.com.au)



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