

UNDERSTANDING THE TEENAGE BRAIN AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR LEARNING

Friday 29th March 2019 - Contemporary Learning Hub - Sunshine Coast

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Until 10 - 15 years ago we believed the human brain reached biological maturity at about 12 years of age. Your head circumference doesn't grow after that so it was assumed to be at maturity and any further development was psychological in nature. Now with brain scanning technologies we can see this doesn't really mature fully until mid-twenties on average.

An understanding of the ways in which a teenage brain performs differently to an adult, helps us to be evidence based and to meet the developmental needs of the teenager. It can also allow us to communicate in ways they will actually listen to! Nathan will explore with participants how this new information impacts our practice.

Date: Friday 29th March 2019

Time: 9am - 3pm

Venue: Contemporary Learning Hub
Meridan State College – Sunshine Coast

Cost: \$270 ex GST

Register at www.contemporarylearninghub.com

TESTIMONIALS

This training has to be one of the best I have attended.

Nathan's energy, enthusiasm and knowledge is wonderful to experience. I feel excited to go back to work with so much knowledge that really could make a difference."

- Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour

Best use of our staff professional development budget that I could think of. This information has really ignited an interest in our teaching staff to think about 'brain appropriate' ways to engage their students.

- School Principal



Nathan is a father of three, stepfather to two and foster father to many more. His professional background includes early childhood teacher, child therapist, social service manager, university lecturer and neuroscience trainer. Following his time at the University of Canterbury, he founded a private training consultancy with the goal of facilitating easy to understand professional development reflecting the latest neuroscience discoveries and their practical implications for everyday practice. Nathan is an advisor for the NZ Ministry of Education, and an expert advisor for NZ Ministry of Vulnerable Children. Since then he has been in hot demand, delivering in excess of 150 presentations every year throughout Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

He has an increasing media profile that includes – National Radio and TV appearances as a guest expert on parenting, teaching and the understanding the developing brain of young people. He is currently filming a Neuroscience documentary to be screened in late 2017. He has produced two DVDs exploring how the brain works and how neuroscience can better inform our day to day interactions with Brain Development for Babies and The Teenage Brain. Inspirational and charismatic, Nathan's keen ability to translate neuroscience into every day life and practice engages all audiences.



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