



## WADHSAA Conference 2017

# Creative Thinking, Innovations for Tomorrow

## SAVE THE DATE

August 3 & 4 2017

Novotel Hotel Perth

The rapid growth in technology has presented a raft of opportunities and challenges in society. Schools are all too aware of these often competing tensions. In this technological world, "innovation" has become a mantra to secure economic prosperity for the future. In the context of learning, a pre-requisite of innovation is the ability to be creative in thought and the need to teach for curiosity is a growing imperative.

The WADHSAA Conference for 2017 looks at the theme of Creative Thinking, Innovations for Tomorrow at the levels of the classroom, whole school improvement and as a District High School sector. On Day 2 Wayne Craig (currently Director, CV Consulting and a consultant with McREL International) will share insights about the importance of structuring schools with precise teaching strategies and techniques that will promote curiosity and engagement. Furthermore, it will be shown that by using different teaching models, we further enhance curiosity and engagement and also help students to develop a broader set of learning skills.

Day 1 will be attributed to focus on collaborative problem solving to consider and address a range of systemic and contextual issues that face, and often challenge, the DHS/rural sector which at times are seen as limiting rather than an opportunity to be creative.

We hope you will put the WADHSAA Conference in your professional learning calendar for 2017 as it promises to be relevant to the demands in education in the context of today and into the future. Please note that either day can be attended as a standalone option.



### Keynote Speaker: Wayne Craig

Wayne Craig has extensive practical experience at a range of levels including that of teacher, principal, regional director and school adviser. He was the long-term principal of the highly innovative Box Hill Senior Secondary College. As Regional Director, Wayne, with his colleague and friend, Professor David Hopkins, led the highly successful Powerful Learning approach that improved education outcomes. Wayne also orchestrated and led major regeneration projects like the one in Broadmeadows. Wayne later became Executive Director (Australia) for McREL International where again worked with Professor Hopkins to develop the Curiosity and Powerful Learning school improvement suite.

