

The English Teacher Guru presents “A Practical Introduction to Spelling Strategies for Older Students” (Workshop)



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Spelling has gained a renewed focus over the past few years, particularly with the introduction of NAPLAN and media scrutiny of literacy teaching. In addition, there is widespread concern that texting and the use of digital spell checkers is impacting negatively on students' literacy. This interactive workshop, then, fills a gap in the training of teachers of older students: how to teach spelling explicitly AND make it engaging. Topics include:

- A brief history of English: Why our spelling is irregular but not random
- Putting spelling in context: The layers of language and how they fit together
- An introduction to different spelling patterns (sound-letter relationships)
- Diagnosing specific student spelling needs: Practical tools and methods
- Linking reading and writing: Practical ideas for improving student spelling
- Making the most of Word Processing programs to improve spelling
- Resources: Useful books and websites

The workshop contains strong links to the *Australian Curriculum* and has been designed for both upper primary and secondary teachers. Teachers of any subject area will find this workshop invaluable.

Venues and Dates: *Southport Sharks Football Club* – Wednesday 30 November
 Brisbane Technology Park – Monday 5 December 2011
 Caboolture Golf Club – Tuesday 6 December 2011

Time: 9.00am-3.00pm (five hours professional development time)

Inclusions: Workshop booklet, PowerPoint slides, morning tea and lunch

Who is the English Teacher Guru?

Lindsay Williams was a teacher in both state and private schools for nearly 25 years, 16 of those as a Head of English and quite a number as a QSA district panel member and chair. He now does independent consultancy work, teaches pre-service teachers in Brisbane, is a past Vice President of the English Teachers Association of Queensland and is a recipient of the Peter Botsman Memorial Award for Contributions to English. He has presented extensively at state and national conferences and is a member of the External Advisory Group for the School of English, Media Studies and Art History at UQ. He is currently undertaking a PhD through the University of New England.

He has presented at many schools in Queensland, both independent and state. For a list of other recent work, see <http://www.englishteacherguru.com/special-report/recent-work-in-schools/>.

This workshop and others on literacy can be run at individual schools and in clusters. For details contact Lindsay@englishteacherguru.com.

The registration form is on the next page.

Register at least one week before the workshop in order to secure a place for yourself.



Registration Form and Tax Invoice

Workshop: "A Practical Introduction to Spelling for Older Students"

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Tick the seminar you are attending.

Southport Sharks (30 November 2011)

Brisbane Tech. Park (5 December 2011)

Caboolture Golf Club (6 December 2011)

School: _____

Postal address: _____

Participant Name	Email address*	Dietary requirements

Total cost @ \$220.00 per participant (includes \$20.00 GST): _____

[Cost includes: full catering, booklet, CD and Certificate of Attendance]

How to register

- Mail registration form and cheque to Wordsmart Consulting (address above)
- Mail registration form and pay by Electronic Funds Transfer:
Bank of Queensland – BSB 124-001; **Account name** - Wordsmart Consulting; **Account number** – 20331714; **Reference** – your school name
- Email or telephone participant information now and pay by cheque or EFT later. Contact details are provided above.

*** Participants will receive confirmation and final details by email about one week before the seminar.**

Important: Seminars will not proceed with fewer than 10 participants; email notifications will be sent to registered attendees and refunds provided if the minimum is not achieved. No refund will be available for participants who cancel within five (5) working days of the seminar

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