

# SYN MEDIA WEEK LEARNING

## Teacher Professional Development Series

### September 6 - 10, 2010

Presented by SYN in partnership with the State Library of Victoria



#### WORKSHOPS

**Digital Tools for Teachers** - presented by **Daniel Donahoo**

An engaging multimedia and hands-on session will introduce teachers to the latest gizmos and gadgets that can be used in the classroom, but also look at more ubiquitous technology and how it can be used in innovative ways.

- How many uses are there for a mobile phone in the classroom?
- How can digital images, video and audio be adapted to the classroom?
- How do the digital tools we use link to popular culture, and what does that mean for education?

Rather than just sharing a million websites, this session will look at when you should use digital tools to be effective and useful - not just for the sake of it with a chance to have a play with them on the Experimedia Macs.

Of course - we will also look at the new and shiny toys:

- What good iPad apps are there for teachers?
- What is a Nazbatag?
- Why every teacher should have a litescribe pen?
- How will "the internet of things" change the classroom?

Daniel is the Director of the Ideas Consultancy, Project Synthesis. He is the author of *Idolising Children* (USNW, 2007) and co-authored *Adproofing Your Kids* (Finch, 2009). He writes for GeekDad, a Wire.com blog recently named by Time magazine as one of its top 25 blogs of 2010.

**Tuesday 7 September: 1:30 - 2:30pm**

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#### SYN Taster Tour

This session will offer a taste of SYN's three most popular workshops. Learn about the operations of a youth run radio station and be taken through the process of producing your own radio program, podcast and vodcast. Let us show you how you can engage your students to present their ideas, from curriculum-based concepts to personal passions, with easy, low-cost and no-cost media technologies!

**Monday 6 September: 2:00 - 4:00pm**

**House of SYN: 16 Cardigan St, Carlton**

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#### Pimp Your Page - how to get the most out of SYN.org.au

Learn what SYN.org.au has to offer teachers and students and how to get the most out of your school's page on our website. We will take you through simple ways to add multimedia including podcasts, videos and blog posts to your page and to promote your radio show to parents, students and teachers.

**Wednesday 8 September: 2:00 - 3:30pm**

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#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Adrian Camm - Active Learning in the (Un)Classroom**

Enter the (Un)Classroom - a facilitated, student-driven classroom centered around constructivist pedagogies that are synchronised with today's student. Come and gain an understanding of this approach and a sense of the issues and challenges in education today. Adrian will show how gaming can be used as a vehicle for learning and how open content, virtual worlds and social networks are enabling a more customised, personalised learning environment.

[Adrian Camm is a dynamic young teacher whose pioneering use of current and emerging technologies is impacting positively on student engagement and learning outcomes across the state of Victoria and beyond. Adrian received the mecu Outstanding Secondary Teacher Award at this year's Victorian Education Excellence Awards as well as two awards at the 2009 Australian Awards for Teaching Excellence; Best National Achievement - The Minister's Award for Excellence in ICT and the Highly Commended in the Excellence by a Teacher award.]

**Friday 10 September: 1:30 - 2:30pm**

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#### PANEL DISCUSSION

**Engaging VCAL Students through media and digital communication**

Some of Melbourne's most inspired and creative VCAL teachers will talk about how they use radio and digital video projects to engage students, with a particular focus on outcomes for at risk and disengaged young people. This panel will feature Jon Staley from YouthWorx Media, Josie Atkinson from Kangan Indigenous Education Centre and Adam Whitbread from St Kilda Youth Services.

**Tuesday 7 September: 10:30 - 12:00pm**

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