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5th International
**Middle Years
of Schooling**
Conference

*Our Worlds
Connecting
in the Middle*

Registration Brochure



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Statement of Acknowledgement

Ninna Marni (Kurna words for 'How are you?')

The Organising Committee would like to acknowledge the land that we will meet on is the traditional lands of the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Kurna people today.

Invitation

Be connected! Be challenged! Be part of the middle years movement!

The conference organising committee encourages you to join us for an action-packed day of educational stimulation, intellectual challenge and opportunities for rigorous debate.

Explore where the worlds of the adolescent and middle years educator connect. The global demands of 21st century needs, goals, and capabilities will be explored through:

- ✓ New Digital Media
- ✓ Cultural Understanding
- ✓ Indigenous and Multicultural Perspectives

Leading international, national and local thinkers will connect with authentic learning and effective, quality middle years pedagogy. Innovative thinking will highlight the importance of adaptability and responsiveness, promoting students as agents in their learning.

How will you make the first step to connect the worlds? What should the next step be?

Participate and engage in relevant debate. Come and enjoy the opportunity to connect with other committed middle years educators and world renowned thinkers.

Immerse yourself in the inspiration of the new middle years of schooling!

Who should attend?

- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ Middle Years leaders
- ✓ Teacher educators
- ✓ Pre-service teachers
- ✓ Middle Years educators
- ✓ Universities

Venue

Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000

The Adelaide Convention Centre is part of the Adelaide Plaza - a unique business and entertainment precinct situated on the banks of the picturesque River Torrens. It incorporates the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Casino, Hyatt Adelaide and the Adelaide Festival Centre.

Host City - Adelaide, South Australia

The Conference City, Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, is one of Australia's best-kept secrets. This cosmopolitan city is renowned for its beautiful parklands, beaches and wineries. It provides the perfect combination of business and pleasure offering a variety of hotel rooms, from luxury 5-star to city apartments, all within walking distance of our major conference facilities.

Conference Secretariat

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Website

For all the latest information on the Conference and to register on line please visit the website:

www.middleyears.sa.edu.au



Keynote Speakers



Professor Paul Deering Since 1993 Paul Deering has been a professor of education at the University of Hawaii. He directs the Master of Education Degree with a Middle Level Emphasis as well as teaching at all levels from undergraduate to doctoral. This Master Degree program has produced ten presidents of Hawaii Association of Middle Schools (HAMS) and six Educators of the Year, and is now offered online as well as in-person. Paul has published and presented on middle years education, collaborative learning, literacy, multicultural education, teacher empowerment, school culture and research methods. Paul has served on the board of the National Middle School Association, is a past president and board member of HAMS, and is active in the American Educational Research Association. Paul has worked with educators throughout the U.S., as well as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and India. He began his career at Harding Middle School in Lakewood, Ohio, teaching social studies and outdoor education.



Dr Gary Stager For 28 years, Gary Stager, an internationally recognised educator, speaker and consultant, has helped educators on six continents create more productive environments for learning. 2010 marks Dr. Stager's 20th anniversary of working in Australia. He led professional development at the world's first laptop schools in Melbourne and Queensland and since that time has worked with countless government and independent schools across Australia. He has worked closely with Departments of Education and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Melbourne. A long-time colleague of Dr. Seymour Papert, Stager's doctoral research involved the creation of a high-tech alternative learning environment for at-risk adolescents. Gary has designed online graduate school programs since the mid-90s, was a collaborator in the MIT Media Lab's Future of Learning Group and a member of the One Laptop Per Child Foundation's Learning Team. He is a Visiting Professor at Pepperdine University where he has taught across six graduate programs and is Executive Director of the Constructivist Consortium. Converge Magazine named Gary a "shaper of our future and inventor of our destiny." The National School Boards Association recognised Dr. Stager with the distinction of "20 Leaders to Watch" in 2007.



Professor Erica McWilliam Erica McWilliam's career has spanned nearly four decades as an educator. She has taught in a wide range of school settings, from small regional schools to large urban schools, both in the government and non-government sectors. She now works as a researcher and educational leader in the Creative Workforce 2.0 program at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) as an internationally recognised scholar in the field of pedagogy, with a particular focus on workforce preparation of youth in schools and higher education. She is well known for her contribution to educational reform and its relationship to "over the horizon" work futures in the context of the new knowledge economy across the entire spectrum of formal learning environments from early years to doctoral education within university contexts. Her latest book, *The Creative Workforce: How to launch young people into high flying futures* (2008) is published by UNSW Press in Sydney.



Dr Thelma Perso Thelma was a classroom teacher of mathematics in Western Australian schools for over 20 years, 8 of which were as Head of Department. During this time she completed a Masters degree and PhD in Mathematics Education, and lectured in teacher education as an adjunct lecturer at Curtin University of Technology. In 1998 she became the Senior Curriculum Officer for K-12 Mathematics with the Department of Education in WA. She received a Churchill Fellowship to investigate Indigenous numeracy in Canada and New Zealand in 2002 and this resulted in the researching and publishing of the book: *Improving Aboriginal Numeracy for international educators*. In 2003 she moved to the Australian Capital Territory to take up a position as Curriculum Manager, during which time she concurrently managed the development of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) curriculum. She is currently the Executive Director of Curriculum for Education Queensland.



Ms Robyn Barratt Robyn Barratt has worked in South Australian schools and in State and National Projects for over 30 years. These include work with adolescents, and the Junior Secondary Review in SA, the National Schools Network, and the National Middle Schooling Project (ACSA). Currently she is supporting fledgling teachers by lecturing in the 'Middle Schooling for the Middle Years' Course at UniSA. She has a strong commitment to rethinking education for the 21st Century by exploring our current understandings of learning, and is therefore fascinated by the link between our beliefs about teaching and the conditions we set up for learning.



Ms Margot Foster Margot Foster has worked in the South Australian public education sector for 30 years – in the early, primary and middle years in complex schools as classroom teacher, science coordinator and school leader, and then in a range of leadership positions at district and state level such as School Development Officer, District Coordinator and Regional Equity Manager. She is sought after as a speaker and currently works regularly with school and preschool leaders across SA engaging them in professional learning regarding instructional leadership, pedagogy and learning. Between 1999 and 2009 Margot worked within the Curriculum Services Office to design and lead the state-wide Learning to Learn Initiative. This program gained an international reputation as a leading edge innovation focussed on 21st century teaching and learning. It was the forerunner to similar initiatives overseas and led to the declaration of the SA position on teaching and learning – the SA Teaching for Effective Learning Pedagogy Framework to be released in 2010. She currently leads this work. Margot is passionately committed to redesigning schooling through a focus on learning.



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Program at a Glance

- 8.45am Welcome
- 9.00am Official Conference Opening – Minister for Education, The Hon. Jay Weatherill
- 9.15am Keynote – Professor Paul Deering
Young adolescents in the twenty-first century - where to?
- 10.15am Panel Discussion
Understanding the world adolescents are in and who they are.

10.45am Morning Tea and Exhibition Displays

11.15am Concurrent Sessions:

- Paul Deering** - Teach the *whole* student - Starting with the heart.
- Gary Stager** - Creativity 2.0 - The quest for meaning.
- Thelma Perso** - What is NAPLAN data telling us about the numeracy of middle years students and are they learning what we want them to learn?
- Erica McWilliam** - 'Low threat, high challenge' learning in the middle years.
- Robyn Barratt** - Student behaviour management and effective teaching in the middle years: what is the difference?
- Immanuel College - Middle Schooling at Immanuel:** Challenging and supporting students through adolescence
- Parafield Gardens R-7 - Exploring global connections** - developing informed, active and ethical middle years' learners
- New Media Awards** - Empowering middle school students with digital media.

12.45pm Lunch and Exhibition Displays

1.30pm Concurrent Sessions:

- Paul Deering** - Teach the *whole* student - starting with the heart.
- Gary Stager** - Creativity 2.0 - the quest for meaning.
- Thelma Perso** - What is NAPLAN data telling us about the numeracy of middle years students and are they learning what we want them to learn?
- Erica McWilliam** - 'Low threat, high challenge' learning in the middle years.
- Robyn Barratt** - Student behaviour management and effective teaching in the Middle Years: what is the difference?
- Margot Foster** - Balancing the see-saws - it's engagement & challenge that makes the difference.
- Seaford 6-12 and Apple - The Middle Schooling philosophy and the 1-1 laptop program merge!** - What does this mean for - Student Engagement? Teaching Pedagogy? 21st Century Learning?
- Elizabeth Park C-7 - Empowering students through leadership**

3.00pm Coffee Break

3.15pm Keynote - Dr. Gary Stager

The best educational ideas in the world - your ticket to constructing modern knowledge.

4.15pm Plenary Panel Discussion

Facilitator - Bob Conway
Panel Members - Paul Deering, Gary Stager, Erica McWilliam and Thelma Perso

4.55pm Conference Closing

5.00pm Closing / Cocktail Reception / Wine Tasting
6.00pm Restaurant Bookings

Please note, there is no pre-conference nomination/selection for concurrent sessions. Delegates can decide on the day at the time of the session, the session they wish to attend.

General Information

Adelaide Airport Transfers

The Adelaide Airport is situated 7kms [approx 20 mins] from the central business district and major hotels. An Airport City minibus runs between the airport and major hotels every half hour from 0700 – 2200 (hourly on weekends) at a cost of approximately \$10.00. Taxis cost approximately \$17.00.

Car Parking

Riverbank and Convention Centre car parks are available to conference participants. Entry is via North Terrace. Early bird parking is available for \$9.00 per day if entry is prior to 9.30am and departure prior to 6.30pm.

Liability Disclaimer & Insurance

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, Conference Organisers accept no responsibility for loss of monies incurred by delegates. We strongly advise delegates have travel insurance to cover non-attendance due to illness.



School Site Visits

Tuesday 7 September

All school visits include morning tea, lunch, transport and return to the Adelaide Convention Centre.

School Visit A

Seaford 6 - 12 School Time: 8.45am - 4pm Cost: \$150 pp

Speaker: Paul Deering - *Action & Research - It takes both to make a great classroom and school*

Seaford 6-12 School. Student Engagement as a priority for the education of young adolescents at Seaford 6-12 School. Seaford 6-12 School is a southern coastal school 30 kilometres south of Adelaide in a fast growing residential area. It is the only purpose built middle school in South Australia. It exists to address the recommendations from the South Australian Junior Secondary Review (Eyers et al, 1992). This review was commissioned in response to a growing concern with the education of young adolescents in South Australian schools. The middle schooling philosophy at Seaford reflects the work of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This has provided a framework for Seaford to construct a learning environment that nurtures the most genuine aspects of middle schooling; engagement, teaming, technology, learning communities, curriculum integration, identity, belonging, relationships, relevance, connection.

School Visit B

Immanuel College Time: 8.45am – 4pm Cost: \$150 pp

Speaker: Gary Stager - *Ten Things to do with a Laptop*

Immanuel College has a discrete Middle School, Years 7 – 9, which provides a smooth transition from traditional primary schooling to senior secondary structures. For over ten years it has offered the International Baccalaureate Middle Years program which has led to an ongoing development of inter disciplinary programs. Following Dr Stager's Presentation there will be opportunities to tour the Campus or focus on a specific tour of the Middle School faculty and program. Participants may wish to engage in the Immanuel Journey program, a unique program for Year 9 students which focuses on the development from childhood to adulthood. The program builds on the seven stages of initiation used in traditional cultures. You may wish to look at our Exceptional Learning area that identifies students learning needs, which results in the development of individual learning plans. This will also look at programs for students with special needs but gifted and challenged. There will be an opportunity to investigate our Indigenous Leadership program that the College has been involved in for many years.

School Visit C

Parafield Gardens R-7 and Elizabeth Park C-7 School

Time: 8.45am - 4pm Cost: \$75pp

Parafield Gardens R- 7 School is an accredited Save the Children United Nations Global Peace School located north of Adelaide. The Global Peace School program supports a network of school communities that instil peace building and Child Rights understandings and practices into their ethos and daily operation. A quality Middle Years' culture and practice has been developed to actively engage, support and challenge Middle Years students to achieve high standards. This is supported through a collaborative approach by a dedicated team of teachers focussing on curriculum knowledge and practice, as well as learning theory.

Elizabeth Park Primary School is in one of the most disadvantaged areas in Australia. The complex population of 290 students includes low socio-economic, 17% Aboriginal and 25% students with a verified learning disability. The school values of Care, Respect and Responsibility form the foundation of our whole school approach. Strategic priorities include Family Well being, Accelerated Literacy and targeted multi-disciplinary interventions, with an increased focus of Student Voice in a number of portfolios including the Middle Years Executive.

Social Program

COCKTAIL RECEPTION & WINE TASTING

Date: Monday 6 September
Time: 5pm – 6pm
Venue: Hall G, Adelaide Convention Centre
Cost: Included in Full Registration
Guest ticket: \$30.00

Information will be available onsite for delegates to view a selection of restaurants to dine in for the evening with other delegates.



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Breakfast Session

Sponsored by Lioncrest Education

Title: Oral language and learning to read and write

Presenter: Susan Hill

Overview: This presentation explores how aspects of oral language are linked to reading comprehension in the middle years. Oral language is important for communicating meaning, thinking about ideas and talking about literacy. Different forms and uses of oral language will be considered.

Biog: Dr Susan Hill is an Associate Professor at the University of South Australia. She is a noted author and researcher in her field with a special interest in early literacy and children's social worlds. She is author and co-author of a number of books for both teachers and children and has been engaged in a range of longitudinal research projects into literacy development over time.

When: Monday 6 September, 7am to 8.30am

Where: Adelaide Convention Centre

Cost and Inclusions: \$10 per person, includes a continental breakfast and 1 hour presentation by Dr Susan Hill

Please indicated your attendance and provide payment when registering.

Registration Information

The preferred method of registering is on-line via the secure Conference website:
www.middleyears.sa.edu.au

Registration Fees

All fees are quoted in Australian dollars (inclusive of GST).

Payment in any other currency will not be accepted.

Registration cannot be confirmed until full payment is received.

Before 26 July 2010

Full Registration AUD \$295.00 / Student Registration* AUD \$195.00

On/After 26 July 2010

Full Registration AUD \$350.00 / Student Registration* AUD \$250.00

*NB: Students may be asked to provide a photocopy or scan of their ID card.

Registration Entitlements

- ✓ Entry to all sessions
- ✓ Entry into the Trade Exhibition
- ✓ Lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- ✓ Conference Bag
- ✓ Copy of Final Program and Abstract Book
- ✓ Closing Reception and Wine Tasting

Please note that any new registrations onsite will incur a surcharge of an additional \$50 on top of the standard fee. Students must provide the secretariat with a copy of their Student Identification to be eligible for the student registration fee. Schools registering groups of 10 or more may be eligible for a discount. Please contact the secretariat for further information

How to Register

Please register via the conference website: www.middleyears.sa.edu.au

If this is not convenient, please use the enclosed registration form. A separate registration form is required for each delegate.



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Method of Payment

Payment of fees in full MUST accompany all registration forms. No registration will be confirmed until payment is received.

The Secretariat accepts the following methods of payment:

- ✓ Credit Card
- ✓ Australian Cheque
- ✓ Australian Money Order
- ✓ Bank Draft in Australian Dollars

Please make cheques payable to SAPMEA.

Overseas delegates: a personal cheque will not be accepted and will be returned to sender. All major credit cards are accepted via online, fax or mail registrations. All credit card payments will appear as SAPMEA on your credit card statement. A GST invoice will be produced only once the registration form and payment, or a purchase order, have been received. Alternatively, retain a copy of the registration form, once submitted with payment, which will act as a valid Tax Invoice for GST purposes.

Or Electronic Transfer:

BankSA (ST GEORGE BANK)
North Adelaide Branch, South Australia
Account Name: The South Australian Postgraduate Medical Education Association Inc.
Swift Code: SGBLAU2S
BSB Number: 105 022
Account Number: 112596640
Reference: Order #

Please forward remittance advice by email to middleschool2010@sapmea.asn.au or fax through when deposit made via electronic transfer. Fax: +61 8 8274 6000.

Cancellation

Cancellation of registration must be made in writing to the conference Secretariat. Fees paid will be refunded as follows: Cancellation on or before 9 August 2010 — full payment less administration fee of \$110
Cancellation after 9 August 2010 — no refund.

Registrations are transferable to a colleague at any time prior to the conference, provided the conference Secretariat is advised in writing.

Registration Acknowledgement

Your registration will be acknowledged via email, facsimile or by post within 10 working days of receipt of the registration form. Registration fees are based on date of receipts of payment (not based on date of receipt of registration forms). A Tax Invoice will be provided, if requested for GST purposes.

On-site Registration

The Registration Desk will be open from 7.30am, Monday 6 September. On-site registrants are not guaranteed a Conference satchel. Please note that any new registrations onsite will incur a surcharge of an additional \$50 on top of the standard fee.

Registration Desk

The Conference registration desk will be situated in Foyer G of the Adelaide Convention Centre. It will be open for check in and on-site registration on Monday 6 September from 7.30am

Accommodation Information

Reservations have been made at properties within walking distance of the Conference venue. Accommodation bookings for the following rates can only be booked through SAPMEA Meetings Management. To secure your booking you are required to provide credit card details or full prepayment of accommodation which will be given to the hotel of your choice. Availability of accommodation cannot be guaranteed after Wednesday 4th August.



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Stamford Plaza Adelaide

150 North Terrace – 5 minute walk to conference venue

The Stamford Plaza Adelaide is located in the heart of Adelaide on North Terrace, opposite Parliament House, the Convention Centre and SKYCITY casino. The Stamford Plaza Adelaide offers large contemporary designed guest rooms and suites. The hotel features three restaurants and two bars, rooftop heated pool, spa, sauna and gymnasium.

\$185.00 Superior Park View Room (Queen/Twin)

Cancellations received or nights reduced after Wednesday 4th August will incur a cancellation fee of one night's accommodation.



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Oaks Embassy

96 North Terrace – 2 minute walk to conference venue

Situated on North Terrace, directly opposite the Adelaide Convention Centre and in the heart of Adelaide's restaurant, cultural, shopping and tourism precincts, the hotel offers luxury and unrivalled service in modern and stylish apartments. All rooms boast full kitchen, laundry facilities, living area with TV, separate bedrooms and bathrooms and individual private balconies.

\$245.00 Two Bedroom Deluxe Apartment

* Rates for Oaks Embassy do not attract GST. Cancellations received or nights reduced after Wednesday 4th August will be non-refundable. Name changes to a booking at Oaks Embassy will only be accepted up to 10 working days prior to arrival.

Early and Late Arrival

Check-in is from 2.00pm. Whilst the hotels will do everything possible to accommodate early arrivals, if you wish to be guaranteed immediate access to your room, you will need to pay an extra day's tariff for the night before. Please indicate if you will be arriving at your hotel after 6.00pm. Failure to do so may mean your room will be released.

Change of Booking

Any change in a booking or cancellation must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat and NOT directly to the hotel.