

Tasmania Tomorrow presents
POLYTECHNIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE
The New Polytechnic Education – Why? What? How?

8 & 9 May 2008
 Bellerive Oval Conference Centre, Bellerive

Conference Feedback

Thank you to those who took the time to complete feedback forms at the conclusion of the Polytechnic Education Conference. The response rate was positive with 107 out of 400 delegates providing feedback. From the feedback forms, there was a clear message of appreciation for the opportunity to interact and develop understanding with colleagues across senior secondary colleges, TAFE Tasmania and other associated organisations. Delegates also expressed that the speakers were informative and engaging.

Other general feedback about the conference included:

- it painted a clear picture as to why we need to change
- it set the scene so that everyone is on the same page
- the chat sessions were valuable, although question time for presenters would have been welcomed
- it raised many issues and implications which provide a clear basis on which to proceed
- student involvement and case studies would have strengthened the conference objectives
- implementation difficulties were acknowledged; however, motivation to overcome these difficulties enhanced
- participants are ready for the positive change and to move forward.

Chat Sessions

Were the chat sessions engaging?	83% said yes
Did they provide the opportunity to explore issues raised by presenters?	78% said yes

Transition Workshops

Was the transition workshop engaging?	62% said yes
Did the workshop provide strategies to deal with cultural shift and transition to Polytechnic Education?	78% said yes

Keynote speakers/presenters	Did you find the session engaging?	Did the presentation stimulate your thinking in relation to the Tasmanian Polytechnic?
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1 Dr Michael Vertigan AC Chair, Tasmanian Polytechnic <i>What's it going to look like and how are we going to get there?</i>	91% said yes	81% said yes
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2 Ms Lee-Anne Fisher AiGroup <i>Skilling – The way forward</i>	76% said yes	69% said yes
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3 Dr Damian Blake Deakin University <i>What is applied learning?</i>	82% said yes	69% said yes

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS 4 Dr Tom Karmel NCVER <i>NCVER research as it relates to the Tasmanian Polytechnic</i>	78% said yes	82% said yes
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 5 Mr Eric Sidoti Whitlam Institute, University of Western Sydney <i>Young people and learning</i>	98% said yes	95% said yes
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 6 Prof Brian Caldwell Educational Transformations <i>Polytechnic education in the 21st century: Reviewing the evidence on a new alignment of education, economy and society</i>	70% said yes	76% said yes
CONCURRENT PRESENTATION 1 Mr Andrew Fuller Clinical Psychologist <i>Engaging tricky adolescents</i>	100% said yes	100% said yes
CONCURRENT PRESENTATION 2 Mr Patrick Wright Institute for Social Research, University of Adelaide <i>Adults returning to learning and earning</i>	100% said yes	100% said yes
CONCURRENT PRESENTATION 3 Ms Jill Downing UTAS <i>Diploma, advanced diploma and beyond – an approach to higher level qualifications</i>	100% said yes	100% said yes