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✓ Effective pedagogy

✓ Systematic curriculum

✓ Expert team

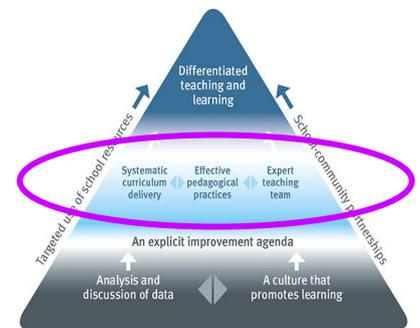
Be a Thinking Leader!

Join *Aspiring Thinkers*

DEVELOP YOURSELF, DEVELOP YOUR TEAM

Aspiring Thinkers provides school leaders and teachers with the expert guidance, collaborative network and professional learning pathway required to lead teaching for thinking at your school.

- ✓ **Improve pedagogical practices** by shifting the focus from knowledge to inquiry, working collaboratively so thinking can be shared and providing a language of feedback on thinking.
- ✓ **Enhance curriculum delivery** by planning for student thinking and aligning cognitive verbs and 21st century skills across P-10 learning areas/general capabilities and Year 11-12 subjects.
- ✓ **Develop expert teaching teams** through a culture of continuous professional improvement, collaboration and the sharing of best practice within school teams and across the *Aspiring Thinkers* network.



WE SUPPORT YOUR SUCCESS

Aspiring Thinkers presents your leaders and teachers with an excellent platform for professional growth.

You can also create a school-community partnership with the IMPACT Centre and the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project (UQCTP).



Members include principals, school leaders and teachers from over 100 schools across all seven regions of Queensland, plus educators from Southern California and British Columbia.

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HOW IT WORKS

1. Join via a two-day foundational workshop.
2. Implement pilot projects.
3. Intentionally collaborate within your school and across the network.
4. Scale up your school's involvement and engage in action research.
5. Be a thinking leader!



TARGET AUDIENCE

Primary and secondary school educators are encouraged to join - including principals, school leaders and teachers.

- Small schools/clusters can register one staff member.
- Medium-large schools/clusters should register at least two members initially, with a view to growing membership across your school. We recommend that you develop a 'Teaching for Thinking Team' involving representatives from senior management, middle management and the teaching staff. You can register one staff member if desired.

JOIN VIA A FOUNDATIONAL TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

Date	Location	Registration	COVID-19 Details
18-19 February 2021 – Thu-Fri Term 1, Week 4 9:00am – 3:30pm	Brisbane Exact venue TBA	Register here	We are proceeding with face-to-face workshops based on the Queensland Government's COVID-19 restrictions roadmap . 
4-5 March 2021 – Thu-Fri Term 1, Week 6 9:00am – 3:30pm	Logan/Brisbane South Exact venue TBA	Register here	
20-21 May 2021 – Thu-Fri Term 2, Week 5 9:00am – 3:30pm	Brisbane Exact venue TBA	Register here	
27-28 May 2021 – Thu-Fri Term 2, Week 6 9:00am – 3:30pm	Regional Queensland Location and venue TBA	TBA	

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP LOOK LIKE?

Membership begins with a two-day foundational workshop – facilitated by [Dr Peter Ellerton](#) from the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project (face-to-face format). Content includes:

- how to develop cognitive skills through a shift in focus from knowledge to inquiry
- how to think and plan in the language of student cognition
- how to work collaboratively so thinking can be shared
- how to facilitate metacognition and provide a language of feedback on thinking
- learning experience design
- virtues/characteristics of effective thinkers.



[Dr Peter Ellerton](#)

Members then join the network for a minimum of 12 months and enjoy full access to:

- Masterclasses delivered by experts and accessible via hybrid online and face-to-face delivery - with topics including Writing and Thinking, Leading Pedagogical Change, Action Research/Inquiry Cycles and Argumentation;
- Online modules e.g. Questioning, Cognitions and Feedback;
- Regular online collaboration with like-minded members, along with Member Symposiums and other interactions.

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

- A discounted membership fee of **\$950 per person** is available in **Term 1 2021** – including participation in the two-day foundational workshop and access to all network activities and resources for **12 months**.
- Due to increasing administration costs, the membership fee rises to **\$1100 per person** from **Term 2 2021** onwards – including participation in the two-day foundational workshop and all network activities/resources for **12 months**.
- Member subscriptions can be renewed annually at a reduced cost.
- **School principals join for free** – no charge for the foundational workshop and no charge to join the network for the first year (not transferable to other staff).

Note: The costs above apply to Queensland state government schools. TRS and travel costs may be necessary to attend face-to-face workshops.

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