



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

LEARNING & TEACHING WEEK

22 - 26 OCTOBER 2012

INTRODUCTION



“I am nobody or I am a nation” reads the line of Walcott’s poem, ‘The Schooner Flight’. Indeed, the self, the body constituent in and of the nation sums up one of the most intelligent ideas of our age.

We are a melting pot of a range of cultures and influences, and ‘home’ for us is too often nowhere and everywhere. We carry within us the hub of many cultures. The diversity of colour, tradition and ideas they represent reflect our enhanced capacity to engage meaningfully for a better future.

Diversity and Inclusion are also the grand themes of Christian love and service. These themes reflect hope and grace for our times! It is in this spirit that I invite you to reflect on our theme ‘Diversity and Inclusion’ for Learning and Teaching Week 2012.

The great conflicts of our time are based on mistaken notions of propriety, ownership, status and identity. But as great philosophers remind us, everything we have is borrowed. Boundaries are artificial and we have staked far too much on the preservation of those boundaries to the detriment of the dignity of the individual.

I invite you this week to reflect on how the highest aspirations of our time are defined by this signature of diversity and inclusion. As Immanuel Kant argues, ‘perpetual peace’ is possible only as we embrace the theme of ‘hospitality’, preserving the rights of all individuals. This is above all, Christ’s vision for a hurting world. As Christians, we at Avondale are committed to an education that serves this theme of diversity and inclusion.

The earth is our common home, a cosmos we share through our humanity. We are each other’s sanctuary and shelter. We are beautifully different and our shared spaces and shared bonds are enriched by our diverse differences.

I invite you as staff and students to embrace fully the opportunities for learning and serving in the spirit of diversity and inclusion.

God bless you.

Best Wishes

Dr Jane Fernandez

Vice-President (Learning and Teaching)

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TIME EVENT

LOCATION

9:00am Learning & Teaching Week Launch

Sydney Campus (LT1)

with video link to LT2, Lake Macquarie Campus

Buses will leave from the front of College Church (Lake Macquarie Campus) at 7:30am

PROGRAM

9:00am	Welcome	Jane Fernandez, Paul Race
9:10	Opening	Ben Shaw, Jonathan Stuckings, Sarah Kelly, Nicole Kelly, Kristy Smith, Zhaneé Bobongie Victory Street
9:30	Morning Tea	
10:00	Service and Experiential Learning	Avondale Students led by Wayne French and Brad Watson
10:50	Break	
11:00	<i>Muhibbah</i>	Avondale Students led by Aggie Namakadre
12:00	Break	
12:10	SEQ Feedback	Faculty of Nursing & Health Students
12:45	Lunch	



OCT 22 // MONDAY / L&T₁₂





L&T₁₂ / TUESDAY // OCT 23

TIME EVENT

LOCATION

7:30am World Teachers' Day Breakfast

Cafeteria

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

7:30am	<i>Selamat Datang</i>	Jane Fernandez & Ray Roennfeldt
7:33am	<i>Ay-la yarteen Awabakaleen</i>	Sarah Kelly, Nicole Kelly, Kristy Smith, Zharnee Bobongie
7:38am	<i>Whakamoemiti</i>	Maika Peehikuru
7:43am	<i>Voka Vinavinaka</i>	Gwen Wilkinson
7:45am	<i>Muhibbah</i>	Avondale students led by Aggie Namakadre
8:25am	Avondale from My Perspective	Matthew Robinson
8:30am	<i>Prix de Reconnaissance de Merite</i>	Ray Roennfeldt & Barry Oliver
8:40am	True Colours	Bianka Costigan
8:45am	<i>Preghiera</i>	Warren Grubb

10:00am Mapping Course Outcomes to Graduate Attributes

Sydney Campus

for Faculty of Nursing & Health Lecturers

— **Presenter: Susan Grimes**

Director of Organisational Knowledge and Development
Callaghan Institute

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00am	Academic Prizes Presentation Ceremony	College Church

12:00pm	Quality Enhancement Forum	LT2
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Soapbox “21st Century Classroom”
— **Presenter: Learning & Teaching Student Association**

9.00am	Open House: The Artist Within	Joanne Felk Gallery
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Open House (9.00am - 3.00pm)
— **Presenter: Art display by the School of Humanities & Creative Arts**



OCT 24 // WEDNESDAY / L&T₁₂





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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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12:00pm	Benchmarking Models: Diversity & Inclusion	LT2
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with video link to Sydney Campus

— **Presenter: Dr Juhani Tuovien, Senior Research Fellow**
Graeme Clark Research Institute, Tabor Adelaide

1:00pm	“Here Not There” anthology book launch	
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Ticketed event — VIP guests only

— **Presenter: School of Humanities and Creative Arts**

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TIME EVENT LOCATION

9:30 Morning Tea & Presentations W207, LT2

with video link to Sydney Campus

Morning Tea: 9.30am (W207)

Presentations: 10:00am (LT2)

— Presentations:

“Why” by Paul Hattingh — Vice President, Finance

“Talanoa” by Litiana Turner — Associate Director, Adventist Youth Ministries



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ON TEACHING

Extract from *The Prophet*

Then said a teacher, "Speak to us of Teaching."

And he said:

No man can reveal to you aught but that which already lies half asleep in the dawning of our knowledge.

The teacher who walks in the shadow of the temple, among his followers, gives not of his wisdom but rather of his faith and his lovingness.

If he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind.

The astronomer may speak to you of his understanding of space, but he cannot give you his understanding.

The musician may sing to you of the rhythm which is in all space, but he cannot give you the ear which arrests the rhythm nor the voice that echoes it.

And he who is versed in the science of numbers can tell of the regions of weight and measure, but he cannot conduct you thither.

For the vision of one man lends not its wings to another man.

And even as each one of you stands alone in God's knowledge, so must each one of you be alone in his knowledge of God and in his understanding of the earth.

-Khalil Gibran