

LITERACY IN THE CONTENT AREA WORKSHOPS

FEEDBACK

Teachers were asked to comment on what they were pleased with and what they would like to see next time. It is worth noting that no aspect of the Literacy in the Content Area PD was rated lower than excellent or very good by any of the participants.

I was particularly pleased with the following feedback:

'Practicality as opposed to theoretical – not talked at all day'

Margaret Lucas, Keebra Park SHS

'The small numbers, the hands on work, completing the examples ourselves'

Leonie Granger, Carlisle Christian College, Mackay

'Hands on activities and engaging content – wonderful day'

Candice Brown, Canterbury College

'The simplicity of the content'

'The content was very applicable and enables us to implement it into our classrooms'

'The literacy ideas that can be practically used in class'

'The content relevancy to HPE'

'In-class suggestions – things for me to use in the classroom straight away'

'All the activities that I could use in relation to my subject area and different year levels'

Hayley Miller, Keebra Park

'Again it was really good with the small group. Also being able to complete the actual tasks helped as well. It was good to have everything reinforced today.'

'It is all really useful, all helpful and very useful'

'Subject specific ideas'

'Personalising of the information to suit the circumstance'

'Details of how to implement strategies'

'Very practical – great examples – hands on'

Wendy White, Glenala

'Practical nature of the PD'

Beverley Acutt, Lockyer Valley SHS

'Resources'

'Well planned explanations'

Lan Truong, Glenala SHS

'Strategies for internet and other research'

'All the examples, moving around the room'

'Realistic approach to what is possible'

'The subject specific orientation and clear classroom focused skills'

H. Henessy, West Moreton Anglican College

'The practical application of the strategies'

Anna Savage, Beaudesert SHS

'Hands on approach, relevance to teaching, useful resources'

'Enjoyed the day – very interesting thanks'

'The presenter's personality – she tried to incorporate everyone's ideas'

'The relevance of what was presented to what I'm teaching'

'The practical exercises that can actually be implemented with students that are fun'

'The passion of the instructor'

Mo Billian, Corinda SHS

'How stimulating the day was'

'The opportunities to try some of the strategies ourselves'

'The resources you provided (folder was a great way of putting the info together).

We need our whole school here!'

Georgina Hooper, Stuarthome

'Working with other SOSE teachers for subject specific examples; using a variety of different examples that can be used in the classroom tomorrow; good flow/range of activities; I was not bored or off task.'

Rebecca Roberts, Proserpine SHS

'Strategies for implementing in the classroom'

Kiah Lanham, Pioneer SHS

'Hands on activities (laminated cards). Very useful and practical ideas easily adapted to the classroom'

Glynis Nicolson, Proserpine SHS

'The practical exercises offered'

Bradley Murray, Mackay North SHS

'Small group interaction'

'Activities covered'

'Presenter's disposition'

'Next time I would like to see more info for students with learning disabilities. A lot of students at Collinsville SHS have low literacy skills'

Melissa Anderson Collinsville SHS

'Classroom friendly strategies, organizers, broadening my definition of literacy. Next time I would like to see a presentation to my staff (social science or school wide.) Will contact you. Thanks Pat!'

Sue Oldmeadow Pioneer SHS

'Seminar content re our subject area'

Cheryl Johns Mackay North SHS

'Enthusiasm, knowledge'

'Pat's approachability – thanks Pat. This was the most useful professional development I have done in the last 7 years. Fantastic. Thanks for the enthusiasm'

Angela, Proserpine SHS.

'Interaction, the ability to discuss aloud material and scenarios relevant to subject specific information'

'Writing in the content area'

'Language – that will help to communicate with students to draw out certain responses in different formats. Next time I would like to see more detailed analysis of assessment items and ways to improve upon these.'

'The ideas given to encourage students to write. I was also happy with the informal, friendly presentation which enabled discussion amongst the participants.'

'The emphasis on practical applications and strategies for the classroom'

Jamie Popham, Pioneer SHS

'The amount of take home tools to work with'

Sam Weston, Pioneer SHS

'All aspects. Thanks for the day.'

'Next time I would like to see more staff attend.'

Paul Hedgcock, Science HOD, Proserpine SHS

'The practical application of the content'

Ben – Pre-Service Teacher, Proserpine SHS

'Examples of exercise given'

Margaret Farmer, Collinsville SHS

'Relevance to subject area – Pat was able to give excellent examples. Realistic about what happens in classrooms. Next time I would like to see you doing PD with my whole subject area. Well done Pat.'

Karen Cridland, Mackay North SHS

'The fact that it really related to all our subject areas, it was interesting and we were engaged in meaningful strategies all day.'

Jenny Napier, HOD Drama, Proserpine SHS

'Relaxed, informality. Next time I would like to see more of the same.'

Jude, Mackay North

'Delivery of information – more of the same'

Jellena, Proserpine SHS

'Presentation of theory and practice and excellent practical ideas for our subject areas'

'Next time I would like to see my whole faculty here for a session with you. I will talk to my principal.'

Stuart MacDonald, HOD SOSE, Clontarf Beach SHS

'The excellent pace and content. Next time I would like to see all Ferny Grove SHS teachers given the chance to experience the same.'

Beryl Ashby, Librarian, Ferny Grove SHS

'The practical activities, clear explanations, KLA specific/literacy examples. Next time I would like to see more of the same, learn more about how to embed literacies in SOSE.'

'Variety and hands on materials relevant to "real life" settings'

Volker Jahnke, Ferny Grove SHS

'I was particularly pleased with how comprehensive the session was, and the range and practicality of the resources'

Elizabeth Twomey, Ferny Grove SHS

'Very user friendly classroom activities that are also time effective'

Liz Elliott, Ferny Grove SHS

'The hands on activities to use in classroom'

'Next time I would like to see – bring laptop and memory stick to produce goodies at the time'

L Hartley Redcliffe SHS

'Good range of strategies to use in an INTAD setting. Next time I would like to see a make and take session.'

Caleb Richardson, Craigslea SHS

'The whole day. I got a lot from this, just need to put it into use. Next time I would like to see, do, make and take activities back ready to go. Thank you.'

Rosanne Cavallaro, Craigslea SHS.

'Thanks, this was great! Very practical – makes me feel enthusiastic again.'

Fran Higgins, Ferny Grove SHS.

'Practical strategies'

'I was particularly pleased with the skeleton resource (can't wait to use it)'

Jodie Eyre, Ferny Grove SHS

'Very practical and usable techniques. Next time I would like to see a learning support specific workshop would be excellent.'

Matthew Corrie, Ferny Grove SHS.

'I was particularly pleased with the range of options given which were usable and easy! Next time I would like to see a refresh of all the concepts – also my other subject areas. Thanks for a wonderful day!'

Tina McCutchen, Albany Creek SHS

'The mass amount of practical resources –worksheets, graphic organizers, etc. Great sense of subject specificity. Next time I would like to see: option to take copies of graphic organizers and clever connectives.'

'I was particularly pleased with the wording of the task sheets. Next time I would like to see a continuation of what was said today.'

Roby Lazar, Mitchelton SHS

'I was particularly pleased with the hands on activities and language and literacy information'

Deidre Hogan, Ferny Grove SHS

'Relevant content.'

Vie Hres Genesis Christian College

'Getting useful, in-class exercises'

Greg Campbell, Dakabin SHS

'Ideas I could implement straight away'

'I was particularly pleased with the links with other PD (DOL Graphic Organisers, Top Level Structure) that had not really made sense or had a place in my teaching.'

Lyn Bennett, Albany Creek SHS.

'Literacy in Maths and Science'

'Activities used'

'The activities. Next time I would like to see strategies for special needs.'

Jan Forrest, Ferny Grove SHS

'I was particularly pleased with: How it relates to classroom – invaluable quick and interesting classroom activities. Next time I would like to see – ICT involvement as discussed with Pat.'

Deanna Watt, Tamborine Mountain SHS

'Well organized and specific strategies to transfer directly to classroom. Next time I would like to see: takeaway graphic organisers.'

'Practical useful activities that can be applied in my subject areas. Ideas about how to approach texts differently.'

'Next time I would like to see – strategies to help kids who come to us and can't read – how do I get them through?'

'The scaffolded diagrams (a good reminder) and the discussion about implementing the diagram into assessment. The day was well spent (well above expectations and excellent instruction techniques).'

Rob Helensvale, SHS

'Excellent – thank you, liked the resources (dominoes) – very practical.'

Leah Miller, Helensvale SHS

'Practical examples which can be incorporated into classroom learning experiences. Next time I would like to see more work on assessment construction and examples of effective assessment tasks.'

Geraldine Grandelis, Stuartholme

'Everything was fantastic – thank you so much!'

Belinda Lamb, Beaudesert SHS

'Relationship with subject area (HPE)'

'The practical examples – HPE relevance. Next time I would like to see more of the same. Thanks so much – best and most relevant PD I've done.'

Nicole Akins, Helensvale SHS

'Every single aspect, particularly the practical activities to actually use with my classes. More of the same next time.'

Ryan Pollock, Tamborine SHS

'Ideas given for how to implement'

Ben, Keebra Park SHS

'Strategies to easily teach literacy whilst also teaching the content'

'Practical ideas – it was great, no improvement'

Amanda Worton, Beaudesert SHS

'The small group size and individual attention'

'Next time – resources offered at a more affordable price for schools with minimal funds available.'

'Small but effective tips for incorporating literacy into tasks; practical and very helpful for classroom ideas'

Annette Bycroft, Miami SHS

'The range of practical application of information – information was well explained. Hands on was great.'

'Next time – another subject area'

Michelle Rientsma, Beaudesert SHS

'Next time – I'll come for 2 days'

Bruce Lanham, Moreton Bay College.

'Activities we were provided with to assist literacy development'

'Your PD is one of the few that teachers come back from with glowing reports, so thank you for providing such a wonderful service!'