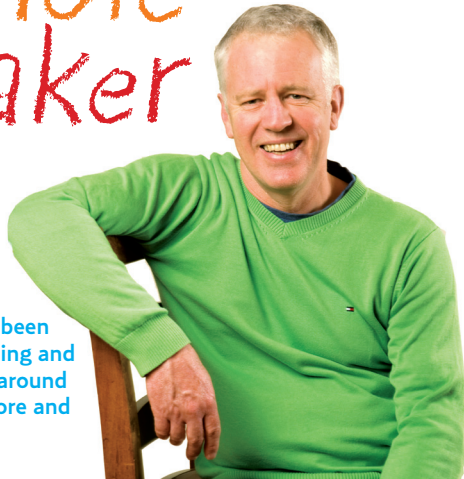


Our *First Class* conference presents high quality, great value professional development to enhance the skills and understanding of teachers in their first years as educators. An informative, fun and practical conference that will teach you skills you can use straight away.

# Keynote speaker

Teachers love Michael Grose's compelling style, powerful message and practical advice. For 20 years he has been entertaining, informing and inspiring audiences around Australia, in Singapore and in the UK.



**MICHAEL GROSE** is one of Australia's most popular educational presenters, 774 Melbourne and Today Show parenting expert, author of eight books including *Thriving: Raising kids with confidence, character and resilience*.

As a new teacher, you have to be strongly focused on the needs of your students—but you must also consider how to work with the parents in your school community. Most want the very best for their child, but some struggle with child-rearing and increasingly look to schools and teachers for support and advice about raising kids.

While it is not a teacher's role to take the place of a parent, it is vitally important that teachers understand what they can and should do to support the students they teach.

In this presentation Michael will explore what drives modern parents and give practical ideas to help build relationships with parents and students. He will also outline the capabilities teachers need to develop to effectively support students and manage parents in the school community.

**What they say about Michael Grose** 'Michael has a unique ability to tap into the needs and culture of his audiences.' 'Exceptional! I could listen to him all day. I found everything he said totally relevant.'

# Agenda

- 9:00** Registration
- 9:15** Welcome: **Debra James**  
VIEU General Secretary
- 9:30** Keynote Speaker: **Michael Grose**
- 11:00** Morning Tea
- 11:30** Workshops – Round 1
- 1:00** Lunch
- 2:00** Workshops – Round 2
- 3:30** Final discussion and close

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Friday 4 March



**VIEU** with keynote by **Michael Grose**

# Beginning Teachers' Conference 2011

FEU Conference Centre  
120 Clarendon St South Melbourne

# Workshops

## 1. Using ICT to make it happen

**Presenter: Martin Jorgensen**

Martin Jorgensen is a Melbourne based primary and secondary teacher. He is the author of several popular online resources supporting young adult literacy which are used by teachers, students and home school networks both in Australia and around the world. Martin has spent significant time exploring how students interact online. He has a particular interest in the use of technology to support and enhance teaching and learning.

In this workshop participants will explore simple yet remarkable uses for technology both in and out of the classroom. The program is suited to both primary and secondary teachers and is supplemented by online resources developed to aid the implementation of ICT in your school.

## 2. Engagement strategies & learning games

**Presenter: Glen Pearsall**

Glen Pearsall is a Leading Teacher at Eltham High School. He has developed a reputation as one of the best presenters of professional development for teachers in the state – blending theory with practical ideas that really work. Glen has worked extensively with teachers in the early stages of their careers and is the author of the enormously popular *And Gladly Teach* – a fantastic handbook for new teachers.

Glen's workshop explores practical and fun ways to foster student engagement in the classroom. Teachers completing this seminar will have a host of new, highly adaptable activities for everyday classroom use. The workshop will explore:

- engaging activities for creating and maintaining a productive homework culture in your class.
- Practical ways to ensure students enjoy and take ownership of revision and proofing.
- Kinaesthetic games for unpacking dry or difficult material.
- Fun strategies for adding depth and detail to student work.
- Model lesson plans for engaging and turning around difficult or distracted groups.

*Make your choices: all workshops are held at 11am and repeated at 2pm*

Conference participants attend 2 workshops. Please make your choices and note them in order on the registration form at right.

## 3. Classroom Management

**Presenter: Jo Lange**

Jo Lange has been a teacher and educator for over 30 years, starting as a primary teacher, then working with students with disabilities. Jo has extensive experience working with young people 'at risk'. Her passion is behaviour management, particularly in helping those few students in every school who seem to keep misbehaving despite intense teacher efforts.

Over the last fourteen years, Jo has successfully been supporting teachers and schools on discipline issues.

Jo consistently receives outstanding feedback because of the real life ideas and practical strategies that work. She is a major presenter for QTU, ACER, the Teacher Learning Network, AEU, as well as for Lady Gowrie Child Centre. Her programs are filled with practical strategies, delivered with enthusiasm, passion and humour.

## 4. Planning for practical activities in the primary classroom

**Presenter: Dr Christine Redman**

Christine Redman worked for many years as a classroom teacher before joining the staff at the University of Melbourne where she is now a senior lecturer. She has been a prolific researcher and contributor to leading academic and education journals for many years and continues to work with teachers at many schools to support and enhance their classroom practice. Christine has enormous energy and enthusiasm for her work which really shows in her presentations.

In this workshop Christine will show how to use the 'e 5' structure for more effective classroom teaching. Participants will explore the use of key pedagogical strategies and practices to support students to positively engage with science and other practical experiences in the primary classroom.

# Registration

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