

IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Biology (Level 1)

Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics & Technology, Brisbane, Australia
3 – 5 July 2009, Friday - Sunday

Workshop Leader

Kevin Ross

Kevin attended Sydney University and the Australian National University to complete a Geology/Zoology degree and then the University of Canberra to attain an Associate Diploma of Applied Science in Laboratory Medical Science. He has taught in Australian rural and city schools and TAFE institutions to pupils aged 12 years to mature adults. He has taught Chemistry, Biology, Geology and Physics for many years to senior students and Applied Chemistry to paramedics, swimming pool operators and Environmental technicians since 1990. He is currently teaching at Canberra Grammar School and ANU Secondary College.

Kevin has taught IB biology for over 20 years and been an examiner since 1998. He is presently a senior examiner and Team Leader for Biology EE marking and HL Paper 3 scripts. He also marks Enquiry Upon Results and EE's At Risk.

All participants are requested to bring with them the following:

- A copy of this Agenda
 - A thumb/flash drive to exchange information
 - Electronic copy of Biology subject guide
 - Favourite animation site
 - Favourite lab for Internal assessment
 - Examples of favourite resources
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Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group

Friday, 3 July

0830 - 0900

Welcome & Introduction

0900 - 1000

Session 1: introductions and Course overview

- Introduction to workshop participants
- Workshop objectives
- The Biology course, SL, HL and Options
- Teaching the Options

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 2: External Assessment

- Overall assessment requirements
- The general nature of the external examinations
- Sharing how to best prepare students for examinations
- Feedback on students performance from IBO

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 3: External Assessment Continued

- The mark scheme
- Practice grading papers 2 and 3
- Past papers
- Subject Reports

1430 - 1500

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

Session 4: Internal Assessment

- Overview of Internal Assessment requirements
- Moderation procedures
- Simplifying IA demands on your time
- Sharing IA experience

1630

End of Day 1

Saturday, 4 July

0830 - 1000

Session 5: Internal Assessment continued

- Grading IA samples
- Designing practicals that match assessment criteria
- Allowing students to design practicals
- Practical resources
- IA feedback (report) from the Chief Examiner

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 6: Internal Assessment continued (Senior Moderator)

- First hand information and feedback from a IA Senior Moderator
- Questions and answers

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 7: Extended Essays

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importance of EE in the Diploma ▪ Choosing a topic for the EE ▪ Marking criteria for EE's
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	Session 8: Extended Essays continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Role of the supervisor ▪ Enjoying EE supervision ▪ EE samples ▪ Problem essays, what to avoid ▪ EE reports and feedback
1630	End of Day 2
<u>Sunday, 5 July</u>	
0830 - 1000	Session 9: The Learner Profile, TOK and Internationalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Learner Profile ▪ TOK in the IB course ▪ Integration of TOK into Group 4 subjects ▪ How TOK can enhance learning ▪ Using Internationalism in the classroom
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 10: Group 4 Project (combined groups) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of requirements ▪ Developing ideas for Group 4 Project ▪ Shared experiences and ideas
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	Session 11: Practical Ideas for IA and Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing ideas for IA and EE ▪ Demonstrations if possible ▪ Sharing ideas and resources
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	Session 12: Overview, Questions and Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of OCC ▪ Curriculum development ▪ Questions arising ▪ Workshop summary and evaluation
1600	Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*

* An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that travel arrangements do not preclude candidacy for a certificate.