

Year in Review

With the year coming to a close, we want to take this time to thank our members and volunteers for their support and hard work throughout 2021.

PTAQ's mission has always been to provide quality resources, workshops and connections for Psychology teachers across Queensland. This year under our president, Amrita's leadership, we were able to connect with our members with the success of our very first conference and by providing online workshops, despite the difficulties posed by COVID.

In July, our inaugural psychology teacher's conference showcased some of our very own PTAQ committee and executive members sharing their pedagogy and highlighted renowned quest speakers from the University of Queensland and QCAA on current psychology research and assessment practices. Over 80 members participated and shared their experiences both online and in person, and we could not be more thankful for all your feedback and laughter on the day. In responding to the feedback from the conference, in November, a statistics workshop was run via zoom. Over 60 members participated in the session and this marked the first of our new workshop series for the coming year, run for our members.

Throughout the rest of the year, we have been updating our website and processes so we can provide more to our members, and in 2022, we hope to offer many more workshops, Teachmeets and our annual conference scheduled for Saturday 16th July, to further meet our vision. At this time, the workshops to be offered include Teachmeets, statistics workshops, teachers new to teaching psychology workshop, Annual Conference, Reading club, and many more on the horizon! Please keep an eye on our social media and website for the upcoming events.

On a personal note, having joined PTAQ in June as part of the executive, I have thoroughly enjoyed all the communications I have had with members so far. Please continue to let us know what you need and want to see from PTAQ via administrator@ptaq.org.au and we will do our very best to provide further support for all Queensland Psychology teachers in years to come. We would also love to have more of you involved by sharing your expertise or joining the PTAQ team. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year and we look forward to seeing more of you all in 2022.

- Joey Saunders, Secretary



Teachers collaborating at one of our TeachMeets

TEACHERS NEW TO QCE PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP

Are you teaching QCE Psychology for the first time in 2022? We have the workshop for you!

DATE: Thursday 13th Jan 2022

TIME: 10am to 3pm

LOCATION: University of Queensland, St Lucia

PRICE: \$30 for members/ \$60 non-members

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

Schedule to be released in early January.

Email administrator@ptaq.org.au if you have any questions!

Save the Dates!

PTAQ is pleased to offer several professional development opportunities in 2022. Add these to your calendars!

New Teacher workshops are aimed at teachers who are new to teaching Psychology. These workshops will improve your understanding of the QCAA syllabus, help answer any questions and offer teaching strategies for implementing Psychology. TeachMeets are forums for teachers to share their ideas for teaching topics, concepts and skills with colleagues in an informal setting. Presentations are in micro (5 minutes) or nano (2 minutes) segments. Content Specific workshops are targeted at unpacking specific areas of the syllabus. These workshops will focus on key skills and units and help teacher understanding as well as equip teachers with strategies and ideas for these content areas. Our annual conference is a day-long event that includes several presenters and speakers. Speakers include psychology researchers and teacher experts! Keep an eye on our Website and social media pages for further information and registration links!

2022 Dates

Teachers New to QCE Psychology Workshops

13th January

28th June

TeachMeets

10th February

5th May

28th July

20th October

Content Specific Workshops

24th February

12th May

27th October

Annual Conference

16th July

Pocket of Practice: Edrolo

What would it be like if you had less time marking, and more time to spend with students? Materials you need for the new cohort already planned out? Everything complete BEFORE the break, and time to spare? This is what 100+ schools across Queensland are currently experiencing. They're using Edrolo and excited for the difference it will make to their teaching and learning in 2022. With our new Year 12 Edrolo Psychology Course NOW LIVE, you can trial and experience this for yourself. Contact Ingrid on 0499 446 902 or email trial@edrolo.com to book in your 10 week trial now or next year.

Member Spotlight

Name: Kristen Armitage

Current School: The Cathedral School

Member of PTAQ since: 2019

Why did you join PTAQ? I joined PTAQ to learn from a community of Queensland teachers.

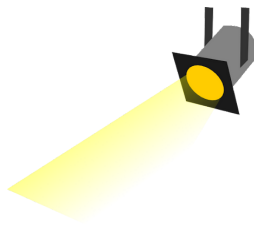
When you're not working, how do you enjoy spending your time? I spend my down time with my teenage daughters and our labradors.

What is your favourite thing about teaching psychology? It doesn't matter what career path a student takes Psychology is an intersection and useful subject.

What is the best piece of teaching advice you have received and why? To pause longer when waiting for an answer. Some students just take longer, and they might not need prompting.

What is your favourite psychology topic to teach and why? I love teaching social psychology because it gives students insight into their own and others behaviour.

Favourite psychology fact? Returning a favour is in your nature.



What we're listening to...

Are you a tightwad or a spendthrift? Speaking of Psychology's latest episode with Scott Rick, PhD, explains why spending money is so easy for some of us and incredibly difficult for others!

What we're reading...

Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahnemann. In his book, Kahnemann details two systems of thinking humans use to make decisions and judgements on a daily basis. He explores the profound effect of cognitive biases on everything, backed by years of research.

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