

## IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Theory of Knowledge (Level 1)

Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, Australia

16 - 18 January 2010

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### Workshop Leader

#### **Dr Tim Sprod**

Tim was, until recently, the IB Diploma Coordinator at The Friends' School in Tasmania, Australia. He continues to teach IB Theory of Knowledge and Philosophy. He has eleven years experience with the IB Diploma. Tim was a member of the last Theory of Knowledge Curriculum Review Committee and has been a regular marker of TOK Essays and Philosophy Paper 2. He is a regular contributor to the OCC. He has led online workshops in TOK level 1 and the TOK Essay, as well as a live IB Philosophy workshop. In March 2010, the book he co-authored with Antonia Melvin, *IB Prepared: Approach your assessment the IB way - Theory of Knowledge*, will be published by the IB.

Tim holds a BSc in Geology and Philosophy, an MSc in Education and PhD in Philosophy. He has taught in Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Bahamas and the UK. With a long term interest in philosophy in schools, he is a past Chair of the Federation of Australasian Philosophy in Schools Associations, and a past Secretary of the International Council for Philosophical Inquiry with Children. He has also led many workshops on philosophy in schools in Australia, the USA, the UK, Singapore and New Zealand. He is author (or co-author) of three books in this area.

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### **All participants are requested to bring with them the following (if applicable):**

- A copy of this Agenda
- A copy of the Theory of Knowledge Guide (first examinations: 2008).
- Your school's Theory of Knowledge Handbook or similar.
- Your school's scheme of work or course outline.
- Examples or lists of resources you find particularly helpful.
- Some examples you may have of Theory of Knowledge essays or presentations.
- Your favourite or most effective lesson or topic plans.
- A list of questions you want answered (or at least addressed) by the end of the workshop.
- Your OCC details (school code, username, password) – get these from your IBDC

If you, or your school, has no previous or current involvement in the IB Diploma in general, or in Theory of Knowledge in particular, some of these items may not apply to you.

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*Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group*

Saturday 16 January

0830 - 0900

**Welcome & Introduction**

0900 - 1000

**Session 1: Introductions**

- Getting to know each other
- Aims and objectives of TOK
- TOK is not just another subject

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

**Session 2: Central concepts**

- The Knower
- Knowledge communities
- Knowledge and the linking questions
- Knowledge issues (first pass)

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

**Session 3: Ways of Knowing**

- Sense perception
- Reason
- Emotion
- Language

1430 - 1500

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

**Session 4: Areas of Knowledge**

- Mathematics
- Natural sciences
- Human sciences
- History
- Arts
- Ethics

1630

End of Day 1

Sunday 17 January

0830 - 1000

**Session 5: Knowledge issues revisited**

- What is a knowledge issue?
- Knowledge issues and assessment
- Spot the knowledge issue

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

**Session 6: Philosophy and TOK**

- Is TOK philosophy?
- Contributions of philosophy to TOK
- Some key examples

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

**Session 7: Structuring a course (with Damien Kerrigan)**

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| 1430 - 1500              | Afternoon Break  |
| 1500 - 1630              | <b>Session 8: The essay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The purpose of the essay</li> <li>▪ Essay requirements</li> <li>▪ Planning and writing the essay</li> <li>▪ Essay exemplars - ranking essays</li> </ul>                 |
| 1630                     | End of Day 2   |
| <u>Monday 18 January</u> |  |
| 0830 - 1000              | <b>Session 9: The essay (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A closer look at the criteria</li> <li>▪ Marking exercise</li> </ul>  |
| 1000 - 1030              | Morning Break  |
| 1030 - 1200              | <b>Session 10: The presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The purposes of the presentation</li> <li>▪ Presentation requirements</li> <li>▪ Putting together a presentation</li> <li>▪ Marking the presentation</li> </ul> |
| 1200 - 1300              | Lunch  |
| 1300 - 1430              | <b>Session 11: TOK and the Online Curriculum Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accessing the OCC</li> <li>▪ What's available</li> <li>▪ Other web resources</li> </ul>   |
| 1430 - 1500              | Afternoon Break  |
| 1500 - 1600              | <b>Session 12: Reflection and revisiting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alternative TOK diagrams</li> <li>▪ Unanswered questions</li> <li>▪ Going deeper</li> </ul>  |
| 1600                     | Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*   |

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\* 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.