

IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Biology (Category 2)
Cliftons Training Centre, Sydney, Australia
15-17 July 2009, Thursday - Saturday

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.

Thursday 15 July

0830 - 0900

Welcome & Introduction

0900 - 1000

Session 1: introductions and Course overview

- Introduction to workshop participants
- Workshop objectives
- The Learner Profile
- The Biology course, SL, HL and Options
- Overall assessment requirements

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 2: External Assessment

- Key features of the examinations
- The mark scheme
- Sharing how to best prepare students for examinations
- Feedback on students performance from IBO

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 3: External Assessment Continued (Subject Manager)

- Grade Awarding Exercises
- Paper Editing
- Past papers

1430 - 1500

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

Session 4: TOK and Internationalism (A.M.)

- Introduction to Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
- TOK in the Diploma Biology course
- Internationalism
- Internationalism in the Diploma Biology course

1630

End of Day 1

Friday 16 July

0830 - 1000

Session 5: Internal Assessment

- Assessment requirements
- Moderation procedures
- Simplifying IA demands on your time
- Sharing IA experience
- IA feedback (report) from the Chief Examiner

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

Session 6: Internal Assessment (Senior Moderator C.H.)

- First hand information and feedback from a IA Senior Moderator
- How to prepare your moderation sample
- Questions and answers

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

Session 7: Extended Essays

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importance of EE in the Diploma ▪ EE and TOK matrix ▪ 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>Saturday 17 July</u>	
0830 - 1000	Session 9: Internal Assessment Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Curriculum development (Subject Manager) ▪ Helping students with topics for IA and EE ▪ Sharing ideas and resources ▪ Demonstrations and discussion ▪ Group work to develop topics
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 10: Group 4 Project (combined subject 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: Resources and Ideas for Teaching IB Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Texts and references ▪ DVD's, computer links ▪ Controversial ideas in teaching biology ▪ Teaching strategies ▪ Practical resources ▪ Use of OCC
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	Session 12: Overview, Questions and Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject reports ▪ Questions arising ▪ Workshop summary and evaluation
1600	Workshop Closes*

* 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.