

ELES Session Presenter : Prue Salter

With over 15 years experience in High School Education, as well as stints in both industry and academia, Prue Salter, the founder and driving force behind ELES, is a high achiever with a string of academic credentials and awards to her name. Her research into how students can unlock the power of their minds translates into informative, entertaining and action-oriented sessions for the students. Prue has written to date 20 resources for schools to use to help students improve their study skills and is in high demand to run study seminars in schools for year groups.

As a teacher and Year Coordinator, Prue found that the study skills sessions that were available were either very flashy, but with very little content, or content heavy but dry and dull – ensuring little of the content was actually transmitted to the students! Many speakers who came to schools did not have good communication skills and had difficulty in dealing with the students and connecting with them on their level – much less building rapport.

Being a highly motivated and organised person with the ability to analyse and break down the steps necessary for success, Prue developed a series of dynamic courses that would help students see how they too could improve the way they handle their schoolwork and so their chances of success at school. Prue uses her on-going research to constantly improve the effectiveness of the ELES study skills sessions and resources.

Prue Salter's Academic Qualifications:

Was studying Master of Education very part-time at UTS last few years but in 2008 was asked to join the doctorate program so now working on PhD (Doctor of Philosophy):

Completed subjects in the Masters:

Research Perspectives

Supporting Workplace Learning

Independent Study Project 1 (Topic and paper: Cognitive Load Theory)

Research Design: Research Problematic

Independent Study Project 2: Essay

Topic: How is the way students learn being affected by their interactions with technology and what are the implications of this?

Master of Accountancy

Charles Sturt University, Australia awarded 2002

Completed by distance education while teaching overseas with average of High Distinction

Diploma in Education (with merit)

University of Newcastle, Australia awarded 1993

General Teaching Practices

Mathematics Teaching Practices Learning

Teaching and Special Needs (includes Special Ed)

School in Society Computers In Schools (elective)

Reading in the Secondary School (elective)

PRACTICUM Distinction

Bachelor of Mathematics & Bachelor of Arts

University of Newcastle, Australia awarded 1991

1990

Statistics 302 High Distinction

Statistics 304 High Distinction

English 11C (Writing) High Distinction

Elementary Japanese High Distinction

Statistics 303 Distinction

Statistics 301 Credit

1989

Mathematics 111 High Distinction
Statistics 11 High Distinction
English 111 Distinction
1988
Mathematics 11A High Distinction
English 11A High Distinction
Mathematics 11C Distinction
English 11B Distinction
1987
Mathematics 1 High Distinction
English 1 Distinction
Drama 1 Distinction
Computer Science 1 Pass
Awarded Huldah Turner Prize : best woman's performance in Maths 111
Awarded SAS Institute Prize : Statistics 11
Student Representative for Department of Mathematics 1989/1990
University Faculty Board and University Academic Senate
Member Australian Federation of University Women

Higher School Certificate (secondary) Equivalent UAI = 99.1
St Francis Xavier's Marist Brother College Aggregate 460/500
Awarded Prize for Academic Excellence
Awarded Prize for Ancient History
Year 12 Exams (Mathematics) 2U 100/100, 3U 49/50 Exams (English) 2U 95/100, 3U 44/50

Prue Salter's Work Experience:

ELES, full-time from 2005 to present
(2001-2004 Part-time ELES & Part-time teaching)
- Presenting study skills sessions in Australia and Asia
- Writing study skills resources for teachers to use with students
- Continuing research into improving effectiveness of students' study skills

SCEGGS Darlinghurst, Sydney 2001-2004
Secondary Mathematics Teacher
- Mathematics teacher for Year 7-12 (2001-2003)
- Mathematics technology teacher (2002-2004)
- Computing Studies teacher (2001)
- Year 9 Form Teacher (2001)
- Year 12 Form Teacher (2002)
- Year 12 Coordinator (2003)
- Tournament of the Minds Coordinator (2001-2004)
- Facilitated Maths in-service on technology for other schools
- Study Skills Programs for all levels includ. Year 11 camp (2002-2004)
- Facilitator at Year 9 Camp (2001)
- Antipodeans Abroad trip to Peru for 3 weeks with 15 students (2003)
- Parent/Student study skills evening (2003)
- Recommended and implemented complete change of school diary
- Recommended and implemented complete change of Year 12 magazine
- Commissioned by Principal to undertake study and improvements to support given to senior students (2004) involving staff/student mentor program and student support guide
- Full time at SCEGGS 2001, 2002, 0.8 load in 2003, 0.1 load in 2004 as part-time involvement with ELES during this period

St Scholastica's College, Sydney mid 2000 to end 2000
Block Casual Mathematics Teaching
- Filling in for maternity leave position

- Offered full-time position

Pentecostal LHK School, Hong Kong 1999 - mid 2000

English as a Second Language Teacher

- Preparation of English language publications
- Instructional Design for English Department
- Trained students and staff in public speaking
- Training for students and staff in making a web page
- Organised English Speaking Days

Australian International School, Singapore 1995 - 1998

Secondary Mathematics/Computing Teacher, Years 7-12, NSW Syllabus

- Finalist in Search Associates Teacher of the Year (1997)
- Year 11/12 Stage Coordinator for pastoral care (1998)
- Year 11 Patron for pastoral care (1997)
- Year 7 Patron for pastoral care (1996)
- House Patron (1995)
- Organised Year 7 camp to Malacca, Malaysia (1996)
- Organised Year 11 camp to Tioman, Malaysia (1997, 1998)
- Water Polo Coach (1997, 1998)
- Primary and Secondary Computing Club
- Creation and maintenance of AIS Website
- Staff Training in Computing and reporting system
- Working with ESL students
- Study Skills Programs for all levels
- Articles for school newsletter
- Training School Captains in Public Speaking Skills
- E-mail exchange program for students
- Assisted in maintenance of computer lab
- Co-wrote a course for tutors of Mathematics and English
- Created multimedia promotional CD

University of Newcastle, Australia 1994 (6 months)

Lecturer in Curriculum and Teaching Studies Department

- Third Year Bachelor of Education (Mathematics) students
- Topic 1 : Assessment and Evaluation
- Topic 2 : Curriculum Planning

TAFE Institute, Australia 1994 (6 months)

Lecturer in Business Statistics

- Topic 1 : Time Series Analysis and Index Numbers
- Topic 2 : Probability and Normal Distributions
- Topic 3 : Sampling, Measures of Central Tendency, Dispersion

St Philip's Christian College, Australia 1992 – 1993

Secondary Mathematics Teacher, Years 7-12, NSW Syllabus

- Guest Speaker at Yr 11 and Yr 12 Motivation Nights
- Developed withdrawal program for Yr 9 Gifted Maths students
- Filmed teaching in classroom by Vision Education Services
- Coached girls Basketball Team at Saturday Gala Night
- House Patron for "Tyrrell" Sports House
- Supervised Prac students from Australian Catholic University
- Lead teacher for 3 Year 7 Mathematics classes
- Producer of School Musical
- Member Talented Students Major Works Committee
- Year 10 Nurture Group Leader
- Organised schools involvement in Westpac Maths Comp
- Supervised Year 10 work experience

IBM, Australia 1991

Marketing Representative in Business and Finance Sector

- Customer relations
- Achieved 116% of business revenue quota
- Personal computer promoter
- Marketing to Business and Finance Sector

University of Newcastle, Australia 1994 (6 months while at Uni)

Tutor for Mathematics 1 Tutorials

- Taught weekly tutorial sessions
- Available for student consultations

CSIRO, Australia 1989 (2 months during Uni Xmas break)

Research Assistant: Mathematics and Statistics Division

- Quality control group
- Research in Statistical Analysis
- Presented team skills seminar
- Analysis using computer graphics