

## Registration Form

Numbers attending the conference will be limited and reservations will be taken on a 'first come first served' basis. Please return the form below to reserve places. Because of the likely demand, full payment is required on, or within two weeks of, booking.

**Conference fee \$152** (incl. GST), which includes all refreshments, lunch and notes for each session.

### Venue-

**John Invererity Music and Drama Centre  
(Off unwin Ave.)**

**Hale Rd Wembley Downs**

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at the Religious Education Conference to be held at Hale School

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**Hale School**

A One-day In-service Conference:

# SPARKS IN THE CLASSROOM

Approaches to Religious Education



Speakers:

**Robert Kirkwood**

Lecturer in Religious and Moral Education  
University of Edinburgh, UK

**Dylan Bartlett**

Head of Philosophy and Religious Studies  
The Royal High School, Edinburgh

Chaired by:

**Dr Jeremy Hall**

Head of Religious Education  
Newington College, Sydney

**9th April 2009  
Hale School Perth**

# Programme

9.00 – 9.30 a.m. Registration.

## 9.30 – 10.30 a.m. Creating Sparks in the R.E. Classroom

Robert Kirkwood will discuss three different models of Religious Education and will argue for a 'personal search' approach, which starts from the world of the child and goes on to explore religious and moral issues. Using a variety of practical examples, the session will show how it is possible to introduce younger children to Philosophy of Religion and Ethics.

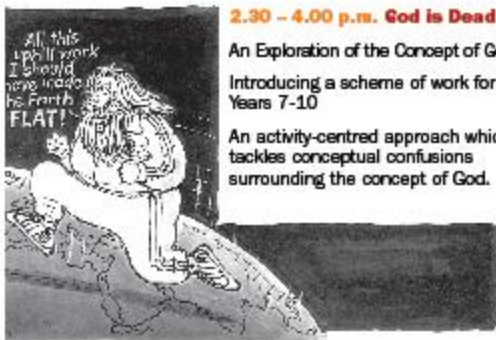
10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Tea, coffee and refreshments

## 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. It's a Dog Eat Dog World So Get In The First Bite

An exploration of the question, 'What does it mean to be human?'

Introducing a scheme of work for Years 7 and 8

This is a course which introduces moral philosophy to younger students by changing abstract ideas into pictures. Self-centred philosophies are contrasted with the altruistic views found in religion.



2.30 – 4.00 p.m. God is Dead?

An Exploration of the Concept of God

Introducing a scheme of work for Years 7-10

An activity-centred approach which tackles conceptual confusions surrounding the concept of God.



1.00- 2.00 p.m. Lunch

## 2.00-2.45 Religion and the Pursuit of Happiness

If self-help books and popular psychology are anything to go by, happiness is a contemporary preoccupation, with some schools even developing courses on happiness or well-being. Dylan Bartlett will examine this theme within the context of an inter-disciplinary approach to RE, drawing inspiration from the ancient Greeks, Christianity and Buddhism as well as psychology and popular culture.

**Robert Kirkwood** is Lecturer in Religious and Moral Education at the University of Edinburgh. He is one of the best known religious educators in the UK. With the cartoonist McLachlan, he has written a series of ground-breaking textbooks for secondary students. Books such as *Looking for God*, *Looking for Happiness*, *If I were God I'd say sorry* (published by Pearson Education and Hodder and Stoughton) are written for mixed-ability classes and show how it is possible to introduce students to Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. He has a wealth of experience as a teacher, teacher trainer and RE adviser and has spent much of his teaching career working in inner-city schools in socially deprived areas. He regularly speaks at conferences in the UK and further afield.

**Dylan Bartlett** is Head of Philosophy and Religious Studies at The Royal High School, Edinburgh, where he has taught for eleven years. He also serves as a visiting lecturer and workshop leader on the Bachelor of Education degree course at the University of Edinburgh. He is an examiner for the Scottish Qualifications Authority and has delivered in-service courses for the city of Edinburgh council education department. He recently undertook a Farmington Fellowship based at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, writing a short course for Year 10 students on the nature of happiness.

**Dr Jeremy Hall** is Head of Religious Education at Newington College, Sydney. He was until recently Head of Philosophy at Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow and has been much involved in the development of Philosophy as a subject in Scottish schools. He was an examiner for the Scottish Qualifications Authority and a member of the advisory group which produced the first Scottish Higher in Philosophy. He is co-editor of *Dialogue*, a journal of religion and philosophy, and a member of the editorial board of *Dialogue Australasia* which promotes the 'Five Strand' approach to Religious and Values Education. He regularly leads in-service courses for teachers, has contributed to continuing education programs at Glasgow and Strathclyde universities and been a tutor in Philosophy of Religion for the National Theological Centre, Canberra.

