



*Strategic Policy and Education Futures Division of the
Queensland Department of Education, Training and the Arts
invites you to attend a*

Research Forum

Major Trends in QLD State School Student Results [Socioeconomic Background and Student Mobility]

Presentation by Dr Roland Simons (DETA)

The capacity to interrogate and inter-relate data in Queensland state schooling is amongst the most advanced of any of the Australian states. This puts the Department in the unique position of being able to conduct comprehensive investigation of the interrelationships between student demographics, achievement data and other indices of student activity, tracked over time and compiled in a wide range of ways.

Progressively, the Performance Monitoring and Reporting Branch (PMRB) within the Department of Education, Training and the Arts will be reviewing aspects of the Queensland state schooling databases and general patterns / findings will be released for discussion via papers and forums.

The aim of this forum is to explore the relationship between socioeconomic data, student mobility and student achievement test scores in Queensland state schools.

The results will be presented in context with a range of national and international research findings and similarities and differences explored.

The forum will provide an analysis of Queensland data that will not only be essential background knowledge for departmental managers and policy makers but also critical knowledge for regional/district staff, principals, and teachers.

This forum will be the first of a series of presentations and/or publications from PMRB designed to build on the evidence-based practices instituted by the Department.

Future findings to be released by PMRB will address issues such as attendance data, Indigenous issues, and developments in "value-adding".

THE SPEAKER

Dr Roland Simons is Principal Education Officer within the Performance Monitoring and Reporting Branch, Department of Education, Training and the Arts. Roland has over 10 years experience as a researcher and data analyst at the Queensland University of Technology and Griffith University. Roland also has extensive experience consulting to private and public sector organisations in relation to Human Resources, Culture, and Performance data.

Morning tea will be provided.

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This Forum is provided Free-of-Charge

When?

**Wednesday, 21 Feb 2007
10:00am to 11:30am**

Where?

**Conference Room, Level 12
Education House
30 Mary Street, Brisbane**