



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

Research Forum

Linking to Learn and Learning to Link within the Pathways to Prevention Project

**Presentation by Professor Ross Homel and Dr Kate Freiberg, Key Centre for
Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, Griffith University**

THE RESEARCH FORUM

This Forum will outline the ongoing development and progress of the Pathways to Prevention Project. Current work in the Pathways project is supported by a five-year Australian Research Council grant entitled *Linking to Learn & Learning to Link*. It focuses on following up the preschool cohorts from the previous project into the primary school years and building stronger connections between families, schools and helping agencies by enhanced institutional practices.

The Forum will also provide an opportunity for discussion regarding the implications of this research for policy development and practice implementation.

THE PROJECT

Pathways to Prevention is a developmental prevention project that aims to promote positive outcomes for children. The project operates on the belief that the long term success of any program designed to promote children's wellbeing will depend not only on its capacity to influence some aspect of the child's behaviour, but on its capacity to influence the social context in which the child lives.

This project is one of the longest established activities of the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance at Griffith University, and has won numerous prestigious awards and grants.

THE SPEAKERS

Ross Homel is Foundation Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Griffith University in Brisbane, Director of the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance, and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. Professor Homel's career focus is the theoretical analysis of crime and associated problems, and the prevention of these problems through the application of the scientific method to problem analysis and the development, implementation and evaluation of interventions. He is particularly interested in prevention projects, like Pathways to Prevention, that are implemented through community development methods at the local level.

Kate Freiberg is a Senior Research Fellow and co-director of the Prevention and Developmental Pathways Program within the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance at Griffith University. She is a developmental psychologist who has a broad interest in young children's social, cognitive and perceptual development. Her interest in the theory and practice of applying preventive interventions in community settings includes a particular focus on the effectiveness of home-school-community group partnerships in the promotion of positive outcomes for children.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday 17 August 2007 to Kim Tually via email Kim.Tually@deta.qld.gov.au or on phone: (07) 3237 1281

This Forum is provided Free-of-Charge

When?

**Tuesday, 21 August 2007
1:45pm for a 2pm start to 3:30pm**

Where?

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

