



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

Research Forum

The Impact of the Operational Aspects of Schooling on Student Outcomes

**Presentation by Assoc Prof Juhani Tuovinen, Prof Tania Aspland, Dr Bill Allen,
Dr Leanne Crosswell and Dr Iisahunter**

THE RESEARCH FORUM

This Forum aims to explore and interpret findings from international and national literature regarding the relationship between operational aspects of schooling and student outcomes, and its implications for Queensland policy and practice. The operations considered are:

- School size
- Campus composition
- Groupings of students in the classroom, and
- Flexibility of attendance.

The presentation will delve into the complex nature, definitions and interrelationships of each operation of schooling, while also considering other factors within the defined parameters of the research, in particular socioeconomic background.

Results are summarised using two models, including one that relates the findings to traditional Queensland-phased dimensions of schooling, and another that presents implications of findings in a detailed concept map.

This is an open forum, so please feel free to forward this invitation to other policy makers, researchers, school leaders and education practitioners.

THE SPEAKERS

Associate Professor Juhani Tuovinen, Co-Chief Investigator, and Eidos Research Fellow is a quantitative researcher lecturing in education research methods. His interests include cognitive science and education, distance, on-line and comparative education.

Professor Tania Aspland, Co-Chief Investigator, and Eidos Research Congress member is an education researcher and lecturer in research methods. She is the Director of Education Programs at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Dr Bill Allen is a researcher at the University of Southern Queensland. His research focuses on policy analysis, curriculum, educational leadership and action/ professional research.

Dr Leanne Crosswell is a researcher and lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology. Her research interests encompass teacher resilience, middle years and teachers in low socioeconomic areas.

Dr Iisahunter works with critical research methods in education and social research. Her research fields include primary-secondary transition, middle years of schooling, young people and education, and physical culture.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday 30 November 2007 to Rebecca Libke via email Rebecca.Libke@deta.qld.gov.au or on phone: (07) 3237 1281

This Forum is provided Free-of-Charge

Forum will be podcast following the event at <http://education.qld.gov.au/corporate/research/>

When?

Monday, 3 December 2007

2pm registration for a 2:15 start - 3:45pm

Where?

Auditorium

Plaza Level

111 George St, Brisbane

