



## Newsletter of The Philosophy in Schools Association of New South Wales (Established in NSW in 1992)

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2023 is off to a great start! We've already had one session of the Introductory workshop and look forward to a really interactive year across the K-12 Philosophy teaching network. Thanks to those who have renewed their membership. For those willing to share the registration link to friends - here it is:

<https://events.humanitix.com/to-join-the-association-for-philosophy-in-schools-nsw-membership-2023>

WEBSITE update: Our website is once again secure, thanks to Greg Henshaw. Bookmark this page: <https://www.philosophyinschoolsnsw.org>

Our Association was well represented at the recent Professional Teachers' Council of NSW Awards 22 February with six PinSNSW memes attending the gala dinner. Congratulations to President Britta Jensen (Newington) and Vice-President (Secondary) Greg Henshaw (NSGHS) on receiving Outstanding Professional Service Awards in recognition of their years of service to the Association. It was a good opportunity to celebrate all that we've achieved in the Association in recent years. Thanks to Andrew Costantino for accepting Greg's award in his absence.

We hope you get well soon Greg!



Pictured from left: Jenny Edwards, Erin Johnson, Janine Timillero, Kate Kennedy White, Britta Jensen, Andrew Costantino

## Professional Learning - FAPSA workshops

In keeping with our Association's mission: *To improve the quality of the thinking that occurs in NSW classrooms and the quality of the pedagogy stimulating that thinking*, the central activity of our association is to provide professional learning for teachers. The plan of confirmed professional learning workshops in 2023 can be found below. Unless otherwise specified, PinS NSW workshops will be held at the Centre for Critical Thinking and Ethics at Newington College in Stanmore, NSW. Courses are hyperlinked to the respective registration pages.

### Term 1

[Intro workshop](#) (mid week: Thursdays 9 and 16 March 12:00-5:00)

### Term 2

[Advanced Practice 1](#) (Ethics) - Saturday 29 April (9:00-3:00)

[Advanced Practice 2](#) (Metaphysics & Epistemology) - Saturday 3 June (9:00-3:00)

### Term 3

[Intro workshop](#) - Saturdays July 22 & 29 (9:00-3:00)

[Intro workshop](#) (midweek: Tuesdays 15 and 22 August 12:00-5:00)

### Term 4

[Advanced Practice 3](#) (Reasoning) - Saturday October 14 (9:00-3:00)

[Intro workshop](#) (midweek: Wednesdays 25 October and 1 November 12:00-5:00)

## Professional Learning - A new initiative - 30 March 2023



Led by experienced classroom practitioners, these practical workshops are for anyone teaching, or interested in teaching, Philosophy in a secondary school setting. Whether you are teaching elective courses for Stage 5 or 6 or providing academic extension outside the standard curriculum, these workshops will provide accessible introductions to the key areas of Philosophy, as well as classroom activities and resources.

#### Bookings via Humanitix

This event is not for profit. There is a conference fee of \$30 to cover the cost of catering.

Please register by 27 March to secure the booking.

Where: Newington College, Stanmore

When: 30 March

Open to all teachers of Secondary Philosophy

For registration information and programme details:

<https://insites.newington.nsw.edu.au/centreforethics/upcoming-events/engaging-questions-teaching-secondary-philosophy/>

## Professional Reading

All Association members are welcome to browse our **Reading Room** of Philosophy in Schools and Critical Thinking Resources. The collected resources of the Association, including purpose-written Philosophy in Schools materials, stories, lesson plans, and activities are now housed together in the Critical Thinking Quarter (CTQ) at Newington College, Stanmore. This library of resources is open to members by appointment. To arrange a visit, contact

[bjensen@newington.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bjensen@newington.nsw.edu.au)



*Artist's impression of the reading room*

## Inter school events 2023

### Philosophy in Schools NSW annual Essay Competition

*Sponsored by the Royal Society of the Southern Highlands*

Our 5th annual Essay competition will focus on the topic of Free Speech. Stimulus material and competition specifics [are available here](#). These will be published on our website (and accessible to the general public) soon, but as members of the Association, you have earliest access to this material.

### Term 2: Ethics Explorations at Rosebank College (Stage 5)

14 June Wk 8

*Organised by Cheryl McArthur*

This is an opportunity for like-minded Year 9 and 10 students from schools across Sydney to get together and discuss ethical issues relevant to their world. It is an all day event and will be held at Rosebank College, 1A Harris Road, Five Dock. Contact Cheryl McArthur via email ([cmcarthur@rosebank.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmcarthur@rosebank.nsw.edu.au)) for more information or to register your interest.

### Term 3: *Meeting of Minds* (Stage 4)

*Co-organised with the Centre for Critical Thinking and Ethics, Newington College*

We look forward to many faces for this Stage 4 event on 18 August 2023. Meet at the Critical Thinking Quarter for a full day of conceptual challenge and collaborative inquiry. The contact person for this event is Britta Jensen - [bjensen@newington.nsw.edu.au](mailto:bjensen@newington.nsw.edu.au)

## Term 4: Free Thinkers forum

More details on the return of this event will be coming soon, but the tentative date for this event is 7 November (week 5 of Term 4). Contact Cheryl McArthur via email ([cmcarthur@rosebank.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cmcarthur@rosebank.nsw.edu.au)) for more information or to register your interest.

World Philosophy Day – 16 November - - Stay tuned for more on this in due course.

## 2023 Association meeting dates

All members are welcome to attend meetings, held 4.45-6pm at 1 Middleton Street, Petersham.

**Term 1:** Thursday March 30

**Term 2:** AGM: Thursday June 15

**Term 3:** 3 August (week 3); 14 Sep (week 9 )

**Term 4:** Meeting + end of year drinks: 30 Nov

Upcoming Free community lectures offered via Centre for Critical Thinking and Ethics:

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### Doing Good Better with Dr William MacAskill

**WHEN:** Wednesday 15 March, 6.30pm

**WHERE:** Online

**COST:** Free

**BOOKINGS:** via [Eventbrite](#)

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### Life lessons learned from 30 years at the media frontline with Leigh Sales AM

**WHEN:** Thursday 30 March, 6.30pm

**WHERE:** Old Boys Lecture Theatre, Newington College

**COST:** Free

**BOOKINGS:** via [Eventbrite](#)

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