



## Invitation

The Research Students Centre invites you to

### Writing your Thesis

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

9.30am – 12.30pm

Q430 | Kelvin Grove Campus

#### Registration

**Registration is essential | RSVP by 27 October.** Go to this [RSC web address](#) to register. Read the instructions and 'click here to login' to register for this program.

#### Who should attend?

This workshop is aimed at students who are working towards writing a thesis. Candidates in any discipline are welcome to participate in this workshop, but it will be most relevant if you are in the early to middle stages of writing your thesis. Most of what will be referred to is directly relevant to writing a research paper for publication and this will be referred to also.

#### Session objectives:

- In this workshop we hope to demystify the process of planning and writing a thesis so that it becomes an integral part of your research and not a separate and daunting process
- Discuss the structure and content of a PhD thesis and provide examples of how to go about constructing a good thesis chapter
- Offer some guidelines about how to avoid poor writing styles
- Hints to help you manage the process of writing the thesis - planning, drafting and editing
- The role of the supervisor(s) in each of these stages
- Discuss the importance of the methodology chapter

#### Speaker:

##### Professor Tom Cooper

Tom has been a lecturer in mathematics education for over 30 years and was head of the school until 2005. He is presently involved in many research projects in Indigenous communities and is looking at basic mathematics and algebra understanding. Professor Cooper has co-written *over 100 publications in the last 10 years* and has presented regularly at national and international conferences. He has been a *Chief Investigator* in over *\$2.5 million of research grants*, and *Chief consultant* in over *\$1.1 million of consultancies*. Tom has been appointed as the **Ambassador for Literacy and Numeracy for Australia** by the Federal Minister of Education.

#### Graduate capabilities addressed in this workshop:

- ♦ Skills in project management, teamwork, academic writing and oral communication
- ♦ Advanced theoretical knowledge and analytical skills, as well as methodological, research design and problem-solving skills in a particular research area.

#### Testimonials:

- Great clarity – thanks Tom.
- More details will make it perfect.
- Very inspire and useful.
- Thanks very much for the discussion on the linkages/how to link all the 6 components of thesis.
- I enjoyed Tom's style and learned a great deal that I know I will use. Cheers!

#### Program:

First	Welcome & Overview	Then	Managing the process of writing
Next	What is a quality thesis? Examples & feedback	Later	The importance of the methodology chapter
	<i>Take a break</i>	Finally	The role of the supervisor