



Seasons Greetings from the VDEI Team

December 2017

Dear colleagues and friends of VDEI,

The end of the year is finally here, so our thoughts turn to all that we have achieved at VDEI during 2017. We have enjoyed a rewarding and productive year and have valued the professional relationships we have formed and strengthened during this time. We have also embraced our new role in the Inclusive Education Professional Practice Branch (IEPP) and have maintained a strong profile for deaf education in Victoria. To ensure that we are aware of current issues in the deaf education field, VDEI is a member of the Victorian Deaf Education Network (VDEN) and meets regularly with the VDEI Professional Learning Advisory Group. This group has provided VDEI with valuable opportunities to discuss key initiatives and to understand the challenges faced by the educators of our deaf and hard of hearing learners.

In addition to becoming part of IEPP, VDEI has welcomed new team members and has overseen substantial technology upgrades. This improved technology has enabled us to expand face-to-face and online learning opportunities for professionals across Victoria. Our 2017 calendar of professional learning events attracted enthusiastic audiences and reinforced our commitment to continue to provide a high-quality professional learning program for our stakeholders.

Our VDEI strategic plan has recently been completed and reflects the values we hold in high regard. We are responsive and inclusive and are committed to ensuring that all Victorian children and young people who are deaf or hard of hearing have equitable access to a high quality education. We see our key enablers as being our collaborative and dynamic professional culture and our strong connections with professionals in the deaf education sector. We are dedicated to the provision of high quality evidence-based professional learning programs and the use of state-of-the-art technology to support a wide range of learning formats.

2018 will be another busy and exciting year for VDEI, with our professional learning program focusing on a wide range of topics that will enable improved access and inclusion for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Our 2018 calendar is on our website, so make sure you save the date for the seminars, workshops or webinars that interest you.

We would like to thank you for your continued support throughout 2017. We wish you a very happy holiday season, a festive New Year and we look forward to engaging with you in 2018.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Auditory Processing Disorder Seminar

On Monday December 18th, VDEI hosted a successful one day program on auditory processing disorder with Professor Suzanne Purdy. Professor Purdy is Head of Speech Science in the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland with expertise in psychology, speech science and audiology. Her one day program offered a wonderful, engaging opportunity for our highly respected Teachers of the Deaf and other allied professionals to learn about and discuss auditory processing disorder, its key characteristics, risk factors, diagnostic testing and management strategies. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many remarking that the event offered an excellent opportunity to engage with an eminent authority on auditory processing disorder and to deepen their knowledge on the topic. Professor Purdy's charismatic and thoughtful presentation style added to the enjoyment and the value of the day. Presentation materials will be emailed shortly via drop-box link to all registered participants.



Professional Learning Program Snapshot

The Victorian Deaf Education Institute proudly launches the snapshot of the 2018 Professional Learning Program with a full program synopsis available in late January. The snapshot is currently available via our [website](#) and upcoming events will be available for booking online in early January.

The First Thousand Days - Dr Tim Moore

The First Thousand Days

The significance for future health and developmental outcomes

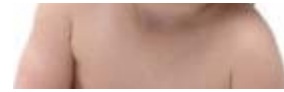
Free Twilight Event

Presenter: Dr Tim Moore



Date: Tuesday 6 February 2018

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm



[Register Here](#)

To open our 2018 Professional Learning Program, VDEI is hosting Dr Tim Moore for a free twilight event on February 6th, 2018 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. In this twilight, Dr Moore outlines the findings of the key evidence paper 'The First Thousand Days' published by the Centre for Community Child Health, Murdoch Children's Research Institute. This seminal paper explores the earliest stage of human development: the first 1000 days.

Due to the significance of this period for future health and developmental outcomes, there has been a growing focus on the first 1000 days by governments and the early year's sector. The evidence is now clear that the way humans develop is a result of interaction between a variety of genetic, epigenetic, and environmental factors that operate as an integrated system. Join us here at VDEI for this free event to learn more about the impact of a child's earliest experiences on future development. (place link to web-site registration)

2018 Professional Learning Snapshot

Want to see what's happening at VDEI in 2018?

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