

RE: Professional Development Program- Wednesday 7th July 2004

Dear Damien,

Thank you for conducting the whole-day professional development program for Teachers of the Deaf at the WA Institute for Deaf Education on Wednesday 7th July 2004, as a part of our annual Visiting Teacher of the Deaf Conference.

The main topics that you covered: "Social effects of conductive hearing loss", "Behaviour problems and hearing loss", "Interaction of hearing loss and cross-cultural communication", and "Classroom intervention", were very comprehensive and of value to all the staff at the Institute. This has been demonstrated through an analysis of the program evaluation sheets where all the participants believed it was a very worthwhile and extremely well prepared professional development day. The overall results from the participants who completed the evaluation form, are shown below for your information:-

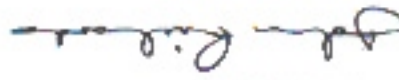
RELEVANCE	High	Moderate	Low
90.3%	61.2%	35.4%	9.6%
80.0%	19.3%	0%	0%
EFFECTIVENESS	61.2%	35.4%	3.2%
PRESENTATION	90.3%	9.6%	0%

Sample of the "General Comments" from the evaluation sheet.

- "Excellent. Your course reinforced much of what I know but certainly there was a lot of new and very common sense information that I didn't know. I look forward to more training from you in the future."
- "Thanks for taking into account prior learning and knowledge. I really liked the fact that you use a "hands-on" approach into the topic and presented research that you have conducted."
- "Good balance of direct information and interaction with us /questions etc. Good to see information based on actual experience, rather than theoretical information."
- "Made you think along different lines and possibly re-think present strategies for teachers"
- "I found the social issues for CHL children excellent. This is a new perspective of utmost importance for our children and teachers."
- "A good easy PD to follow"
- "Very relevant to our positions. It has given me valuable information and strategies to use and to pass on to other teachers and families"
- "Would like to follow on further with Damien and do the train-the-trainer"

Thank you again for travelling to Perth to conduct the above presentations for the staff based at the WA Institute for Deaf Education. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Yours sincerely



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29th July 2004