

Building a Learning Brain *Neuroscience & the Student Brain*

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CLASSROOM AND SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER/COORDINATORS WORKSHOP

Upper Primary, Middle and Secondary Schools

This workshop is suitable for classroom teachers and special education coordinators who are working in upper primary, middle, and secondary schools across the three education sectors in South Australia. This includes schools in mainstream, special units, special classes, and special schools. It is an ideal opportunity for a team from the school to attend in order to share information and apply strategies more effectively in the school environment.

This workshop explores how to enrich learning experiences for all children including those who experience difficulties with working memory, executive function, behaviour and organisational skills, or have a diagnosed disability such as Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is interactive with a practical focus. The 3-part session covers: 1) What cognitive neuroscience tells us about how learning occurs 2) the importance and development of executive functioning, and 3) How to apply this knowledge in the classroom (and for ourselves!). Learning outcomes include:

- Preparing students' brains for learning
- Exploring executive function and neuroplasticity
- Assisting with problem solving – social and academic challenges
- Helping students improve their personal learning skills
- Understanding the role of emotion and emotion regulation in learning and positive behaviour
- Optimising student wellbeing, resilience and persistence in the face of challenges
- Navigating the upper primary and secondary environment.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Dr. Donna Nitschke has a long established career in the field of education. This has included teaching at all levels – primary and secondary schools, TAFE and university. She has also worked for several specialist educational organisations, and was the senior project officer for the Ministerial Advisory Committee; Students with Disabilities. Donna's PhD explored cognitive neuroscience and behavioural psychology to help all students improve their personal learning skills.

Donna currently implements her program as Coordinator, Neuroscience in the Classroom, across a group of 4 Adelaide schools.

TIME: 9.00AM - 3.30PM

COST: \$145

VENUE: THE HIGHWAY

REGISTER: learning4all.com.au

Tea and coffee on arrival, morning tea and lunch provided.
Free onsite parking available.



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Venue: The Highway
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