

Ms Shannon O'Dwyer

Teaching Qualifications

- 2004** **Bachelor of Teaching / Bachelor of Arts (Primary) (1st Class Honours)**
University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia
- Recipient of **University Medal**
- Recipient of **Faculty Medal** for outstanding practicum results
- Valedictorian** and presenter of Graduate's Address
- 2010** Currently undertaking **Masters of Education (Leadership and Administration)**
University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia, as an external student
Distinction-average to date

Curriculum Experience

- 2 years teaching PYP in an international school, including delivery of seminars, PD & published articles
- 7 years teaching Australian (NSW) curriculum, including curriculum development & published programs
- 3 months exposure to Chinese national curriculum, while teaching English as a Second Language in Nanjing

Teaching & Leadership Experience

- 2013** **Language Coordinator & OLC Coordinator, Beijing BISS International School**
This role involves coordination of language pedagogy and assessment K-12, in addition to the coordination of enrolment, IEP, differentiation and extension/support for students K-6. Whole class, small group, individual instruction and teacher coaching are weekly duties.
- 2010 – 2012** **Language Coordinator & Grade 4 teacher, Beijing BISS International School**
In addition to my teaching load, I coordinated all literacy assessments, data and pedagogy in the Elementary School. I designed new writing assessment rubrics, delivered staff PD in reading & writing instruction, facilitated moderation and led parent literacy sessions.
- 2010** **Enrichment Coordinator, Abbotsleigh School, Sydney, Australia**
In addition to my teaching load, I coordinated the academic extension programs from K-6. I was responsible for 6 full-time specialist staff. Duties also included organising professional development, delivering staff meetings, evaluating programs, editing reports and whole school strategic planning.
- 2008 – 2010** **Grade 6 Teacher, Abbotsleigh School, Sydney, Australia**
Gifted & Talented classes (11-13 years of age with high to superior intellect)
- 2006 – 2007** **Grade 4 Teacher, Abbotsleigh School, Sydney, Australia** (Mixed ability classes).

Previous Teaching Experience

- 2005 **Grade 2 Teacher, Budgewoi Public School, Australia**
- 2004 **Grade 9 Teacher - History/English, 1 Semester, Wee Waa High School**
- 1999 – 2004 **Tutor:** ESL students (Literacy) and High School students (English & Maths)
- 1998 – 2000 **Violin teacher**

Special Achievements

- 2013 **Presenter** at Canadian International School: *Authentic Technology Integration Now*
- 2012 **Presenter** at Beijing Learning 2.012 Conference: *Embed Technology, Enhance Learning*
- 2012 Action Research **published** in EARCOS Magazine: *Social Networking Empowers Reluctant Writers*
- 2012 Article in TIE newspaper: *From Faking It to Making It: PYP Reflections*
- 2011 **Presenter** at Beijing Learning Summit: *Differentiation's a Snap in the 1:1 Laptop Classroom*
- 2010 Recipient of **Gladly Teach Award** for one high quality teacher per year, nominated by colleagues.
- 2008 Recipient of the **Excellence in Teaching Award** for New South Wales state of Australia. Awarded to 1 teacher per year by the Teachers' Guild, based upon nomination, essay and interview.
- 2008 **Presenter** at Maths Association Annual Conference: *I teach the Syllabus: What's the Issue?*
- 2003 Recipient of **Commonwealth Government Teaching in China Scholarship**.
- 2003 **Publication** of Literacy Program in education text book, *Planning for Learning* (McLeod, 2003).
- 1998 **Violin 8th Grade, A.M.E.B.**

Additional skills & qualifications

- Technology** Skilled in web 2.0 tools, VoIP, wikis, blogs, e-portfolios, multi-media and global connectivity.
- Music** Choral & Strings expertise: ES choir coordinator, violinist, chamber ensemble participant, founder of instrumental music program in a disadvantaged school, stage manager of concerts.
- PYP** Completion of **Induction to the PYP, Role of Language & Concept-based Learning** courses
- 2011 Completion of 10-week **ESOL** course. (Delivery of course to new staff in 2012 & 2013).
- 2010 Completion of **Leadership & Management** course.
- 2009 Completion of **Gifted & Talented Teaching** practices course.

Professional Strengths

- differentiation, organisation, collaboration, work ethic & enthusiasm

Hobbies

- travel, cooking, reading, enjoying action films and political dramas