

THE 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AN INSPIRATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR BEGINNING, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED AIM TEACHERS

MONDAY 13TH – TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2010

VENUE: Carey Baptist Grammar School
The Costello Theatre (in the Millikan Building)
349 Barker's Road, Kew, VIC 3101

COST: \$350 (early bird rate - booked by Aug. 12th)
\$400 after Aug. 12th



Teachers Jenny McKinney and Catherine Davenport get the lowdown on the new way to teach French from Accelerative Integrated Method presenter Richard Smith, from Canada. PICTURE: JANINE EASTGATE N134B703

WHAT IS AIM?

The Accelerative Integrated Method (AIM) is being used in thousands of schools around the world and has been referred to as a revolution for second language teaching and learning!

AIM is a unique, multi-faceted program in that it uses gestures, a specifically researched 'pared down' language, stories and music to rapidly develop students' fluency.

AIM is: • A verb-based rather than noun-based approach allowing teachers and students to be able to function solely in the target language from the outset of the program. • An inductive approach, providing students with the vocabulary and grammatical structures they require on an "on needs" basis. • A multi-sensory approach and considers all the multiple intelligences in its use of visual, musical, maths/logic, kinaesthetic etc. making the language accessible for all types of learners.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME:

The AIM conference begins socially with **free bubbles on Sunday evening** from 5:30pm at **The Geebung Polo Club** 85 Auburn Rd. Hawthorn East, after overseas/interstate attendees have settled in. The conference has extensive programming from 9am until 5pm each day and you will be able to pick the workshops which suit you, your teaching and your interests. We will be running specific workshops for the Primary, Upper primary and Secondary levels as well as interesting workshops on AIM related topics. A conference dinner (\$25 per head) will be held on Mon. 13th at **Enris** (for Paella) 789 Glenferrie Rd. Hawthorn for all interested attendees. And finally, the conference will conclude with cheese, wine and a chance to debrief from 4pm on Tuesday!

- * **WHAT IS AIM?** Discover AIM and change the way you teach forever
- * Learn how to **dramatically increase fluency**
- * Understand why a **story-based** approach is much more effective than a thematic noun-based approach
- * Introduce yourself to **gestures**. The use of gesture for the recollection and retention of language!
- * **Gestures:** practice, review and refinement
- * **Story retelling:** teaching students to paraphrase
- * **Maximise language use** through story and play extensions
- * Acquire basic/more advanced **language manipulation** activities and make **GRAMMAR** fun!
- * Learn the essential elements to successfully implement the Accelerative Integrated Method (AIM)
- * Learn the **inductive approach** to teaching grammar
- * Learn about journal writing and book publishing
- * Acquire skills to **create a classroom library**
- * Learn about **Café Théâtre, Street Théâtre, and AIM Idol!**
- * **Guided reading/reading circles** in the AIM classroom
- * **Balanced literacy** in the AIM classroom
- * **I.C.T.** in the AIM classroom
- * AIM and **content-based** units of work

**“Madame McKinney, why can’t my child speak fluent French?
She’s been studying French at this school since she was 5...
she’s now in Year 4 and can’t speak a word or understand a thing!”**

Ever heard this before?...

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

“The Role of Gesture in Learning – What Research Can Tell Us”



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Dr. Jane Orton
Melbourne**

Jane Orton, PhD, is Director of the Chinese Teacher Training Centre in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, where she co-ordinated modern languages education for twenty years. She has published particularly on second language kinesic expression and identity (e.g. *Responses to Chinese Speakers of English*, *IRAL*, Vol. 44 No 3,

Gesture in Modern Language Teaching and Learning. *Babel*, 42(2)) and has recently co-edited a book, *China and English: Globalization and Dilemmas of Identity* (Multilingual Matters, 2009), in which she has written chapters on the identity of English in China over the past 150 years.

THE PRESENTERS



**Jenny McKinney
Melbourne**

Jenny is a practising AIM teacher currently at Carey Grammar in Kew.

She is the Director of *Hearsay Language Learning Downunder* and is the Exclusive Endorsed Liaison for AIM Language Learning Canada.

Jenny has 18 years experience teaching French,

German and Japanese from Prep. to Year 12; leading Language Departments; LOTE consulting; developing innovative curricula, and has pioneered the AIM Program in Australasia.

Jenny runs workshops around Australia, New Zealand and Asia which not only provide teachers with an insight in to the AIM Program, but also show how the program unfolds to include all the grammar refinements (written and oral) necessary for language competency and critical fluency. Jen has taken AIM to over 1,000 schools. She is currently working with teachers to develop an AIM program for Mandarin.



**Richard Smith
Ottawa, Canada**

Richard has been teaching French for the Ottawa-Carleton District School board since 1999. He established himself as an energetic teacher prepared to employ innovative methods of instruction which he did in 2004. He discovered the *Accelerative Integrated Method* and has never looked back. From kinder-

garten to Year 9, success was immediate with his students. Motivating, challenging and inspiring young minds at Hawthorne Public School became a fun and engaging experience for all.

Richard has expertise in Lower Secondary instruction, Balanced Literacy in the AIM classroom and getting the most out of your student’s written work.

Since 2005, Richard has been giving AIM workshops across Canada, The Yukon and in Europe. In June 2009, Richard was hired by his school board as a full-time French Instructional Coach. Drawing on many years of experience with AIM, Richard’s passion pushes him to continue advising and coaching teachers on ways to achieve the same success.



**Sylvia Duckworth
Toronto, Canada**

Sylvia is a highly respected teacher, presenter and leader of the AIM.

She teaches French at Crescent School in Toronto (brother school to Trinity Grammar, Kew, Melbourne), and has been using AIM since 2000.

She teaches at a boys-only school and never ceases to be amazed by the levels of fluency

her students attain with AIM. Sylvia has blogged the progress of her Year 4 French students over the past year. Compelling footage! See link here: <http://sylvia duckworth.blogspot.com/>

Sylvia has trained AIM teachers across Canada, in the U.S., and in Holland. She also specialises in incorporating I.C.T. into the AIM program. She has been involved in creating many AIM resources, used by teachers world-wide and has recently written a new play for AIM to be published in Sept. 2010.

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WORK SYNERGISTICALLY TO RAPIDLY INCREASE FLUENCY! (*PARED DOWN LANGUAGE)

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**Debbie Summers
Sydney**

Debbie has worked as an AIM teacher for the past four years in a Sydney primary school and has been a presenter at the 2008 and 2009 National AIM conferences in Melbourne.

Her teaching career includes working as an **A level French examiner** (HSC equivalent) in the UK and 10 years as a French and German teacher from prep to year 12 in NSW.

Debbie has a very hands on approach to teaching, and her enthusiasm is positively contagious. Debbie states that one of her professional aims is to inspire children to love languages as much as she does. Adopting the AIM teaching method has allowed her to see a marked improvement in engagement, discipline and enjoyment amongst her pupils. Debbie's expertise with the early years is not to be missed!

Debbie has also introduced the first **Parents' AIM French Class** in Australia which has been highly successful.



**Kathy Macfarlane
Melbourne**

Kathy is the Education Consultant responsible for Languages Education with Independent Schools Victoria. She holds a Masters' Degree in Applied Linguistics for which she completed a major thesis on bilingual education.

Kathy has taught as both a generalist Prep classroom teacher and a French teacher from Prep – Year 7 in Australia. Between

2005 and 2009, Kathy was responsible for developing a CLIL (Content Learning in a Language) French program at Ruyton Girls' Junior School, in which students study I.T.C. through French, using the AIM Histoires en Action and Pared Down Language.

In 2008, Kathy was awarded the MLTAV Seeding Grant for French to develop '*Le Tour de France en Lecture*', a resource to assist vocabulary acquisition and literacy skills development in primary years French Students. Kathy participated in the VCAA Teacher Reference Groups for the development of VELS progression points for both LOTE and Information Technology, and her annotated work samples have been used as digital examples for primary years' LOTE on the VCAA website. Kathy is currently undertaking doctoral research at Monash University.

ACCOMMODATION:

We suggest **Quest Apartments** in Kew

Quest Kew Serviced Apartments are in green and leafy Walpole Street in the lovely suburb of Kew (15 min. walk or short tram ride to Carey. Catch the 109 tram from High Street, alighting at Stop 39, Cotham Road, turn right down Davis St. left at Sackville, follow signs).

 Book in as an '**AIM Conference attendee**' for special rates.

One Bedroom Apartment \$185 per night

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Three Bedroom Apartment \$290 per night

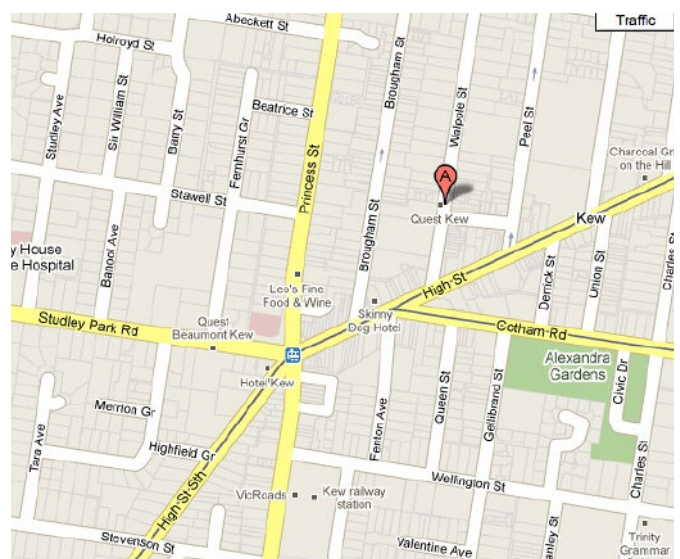
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 If you are travelling alone, and would like to share accommodation at Quest Kew with another attendee, please e-mail jenny@hearsaylearning.com

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please mail or fax completed form to:

Hearsay Learning Downunder
P.O. Box 1092, Ivanhoe, VIC, 3079

Fax: (03) 9497 5085

Feel free to e-mail or call Jenny McKinney:

jenny@hearsaylearning.com
(03) 9497 5542

Paying via Bank Transfer (Australian attendees only*)

Please use the following Bank account details:

Bank & Branch: Commonwealth Bank of Australia,
Ivanhoe Branch
Account Name: Hearsay Language Learning Downunder
BSB Number: 063141
Account Number: 1029 4478

Paying via Cheque

Cheques (Australian Dollars) are to be made out to:
Hearsay Language Learning Downunder
ABN 24635477225

Paying via Credit Card

Please complete and FAX the registration form to:
(03) 9497 5085

or to make a Secure Credit Card payment, call:
(03) 9497 5542

Easy Pay Option

Please supply a Purchase Order number and your school details. An invoice will be forwarded to your school.



NB: Attendees from New Zealand and Asia

Please pay via Credit Card or International Cheque (AUD).

REGISTRATION FORM - 2010 AIM CONFERENCE

Name: e-mail:

School:

School Address:

City/Town: Post Code: University:

Years currently teaching: Experience with AIM (yrs):

Home address:

City/Town: Post Code:

Phone: Fax: Food Allergies:

   I will be attending pre-conference drinks at **The Geebung Polo Club** on the evening of Sunday 12th :

I will be attending the conference dinner at **Enris for Paella** on the evening of Monday 13th:
(\$25 per head, payable on the night)

I am paying by: Bank Transfer Cheque Credit Card Purchase Order (see *Easy Pay option above*)

I'm registering **before August 12th (early bird rate):** with a total payment of: AUD\$

Name on Visa/MasterCard:

Visa/MasterCard card No.:

Card Expiry Date:

Purchase Order Number:

