



# 2023 VICTORIAN PYP NETWORK CONFERENCE

## HOTEL BELLINZONA HEPBURN SPRINGS



Featuring Fiona Zinn, with a focus on concept-based inquiry to leverage teachers' collaborative professional learning

When: Friday 1 September 2023

Who: Network Heads/Principals & PYP Coordinators

Where: Hotel Bellinzona, 77 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs VIC 3461

Time: 8:45am registration, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Register: <https://forms.gle/Rknqmj82bbqQKpZr9> by Friday 28 July 2023

The cost of the event is \$100 per person and will be invoiced to each school after the event



### Accommodation & Dinner

Three course dinner and accommodation at the hotel

Thursday 31 August

The Network warmly extends this invitation to all attendees to socialise on the evening before the conference.

Bookings for both dinner and accommodation need to be made **directly to the hotel via phone 03 5348 2271** Quote **“VIC PYP Network”** to ensure you **receive the special discount rate available until Friday 28 July.**

Please note dinner and accommodation costs need to be covered by attendees.

Dinner \$85

Room and Breakfast \$280

## About the presenter



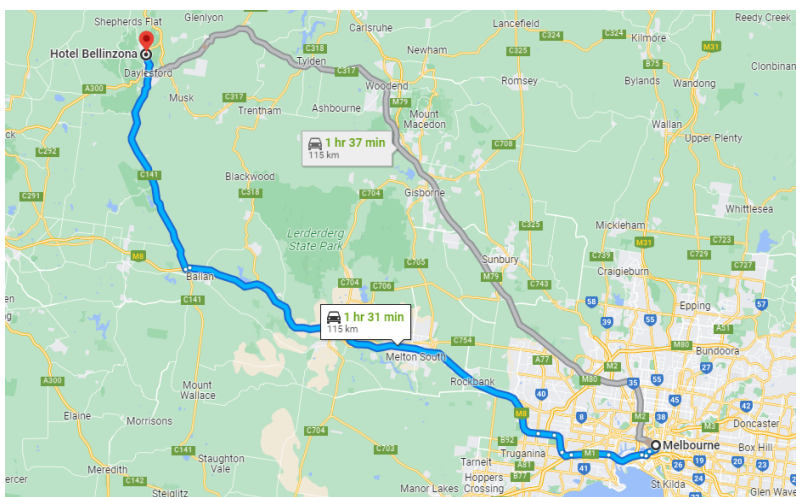
Fiona Zinn has been working with teams of teachers seeking connection between the ideas behind the Educational Project of Reggio Emilia and the International Baccalaureate PYP for the past 25 years. Fiona's collaborations with local and International Schools have explored the many different ways teachers can re-think early years and primary pedagogy, curriculum and learning environments in response to research. She has been a Nationally elected representative on the Reggio Emilia Australia Information Exchange Committee of Management since 2004, supporting REAIE members around Australia to meet the ideas of Reggio Emilia and translate these into their own contexts. Her recently completed research thesis focuses on the intersection between teachers professional learning, concept-based inquiry and environment spatial analysis. Fiona has also enjoyed a decade as a sessional lecturer at Melbourne University, she is a workshop leader for the International Baccalaureate and has collaborated

with the Tasmanian Department of Education as Principal Consultant (2017-2021), creating state-wide programs of Professional Development for teachers. She has a commitment to education that validates children's sense of agency through the influences of Positive Psychology, Reggio Emilia and concept-based inquiry. In 2020, Fiona joined the Friends' School (Hobart) as Deputy Head/PYP Coordinator and is now enjoying the challenge of reimagining the early years with a team of educators in a Tasmanian context. She continues to consult and lead professional development with Australian and International Schools, supporting educational teams with pedagogical practices centred on agency, creativity and concept-based inquiry.

## Conference Overview

In this one-day workshop, participants will explore new opportunities for collaborative professional learning using teacher-focused inquiry-methods that draw on familiar curriculum concepts from the IB Primary Years Programme. Beginning with exploration of a research project that embraced PYP concepts to enhance teachers' spatial literacy skills and environment analysis, this session will then expand to consider other ways that the process of concept-based analysis can be applied to any professional learning topic or PYP program development plan. PYP Coordinators and Heads of School will have opportunities to collaborate and build bespoke concept-based analysis tools that complement their School's journey of PYP programme development and improvement.

## Getting there & Location



**Hotel Bellinzona**  
77 Main Rd  
Hepburn Springs VIC 3461

The hotel is  
approximately 90  
minutes drive from  
Melbourne