

Sitech's Champions Conference 2009

Key Note Speakers

Peter Kent

Peter Kent is back again by popular demand! Now managing the professional learning program for teaching and learning technologies within the Australian Capital Territory and with his first book under his belt "Quality Teaching with Interactive Whiteboards", Peter is well placed to share his ideas and thoughts on integrating IWBs and ICT into classroom teaching.

Originally a secondary physics teacher, as Deputy Principal of Richardson Primary School he was responsible for leading the team of teachers who pioneered the effective use of IWBs. In 2003 the school received an Award of Excellence in Education from the Australian College of Educators and in 2005 they received an Australian National Award for Quality Schooling – Outstanding School Improvement. His second book on how teachers can sensibly integrate the student use of ICT throughout their teaching programmes is due out shortly.

Chris Betcher

As someone who has been in (and occasionally out of) education for over 20 years, Chris Betcher has a few opinions on how he'd like it to work. He is particularly interested in thinking about how schools need to change to accommodate 21st century learners and how technology can be used to make learning more interesting, relevant, fun and engaging. Chris is currently the R-12 ICT Integrator at Presbyterian Ladies College, Sydney, one of Sydney's leading IWB schools. He is also an active member of the global edtech communities and regularly contributes to the conversations taking place in that space. Over the years he has lead a number of online initiatives and global collaborative projects, and presents regularly at various conferences and workshops around Australia on a wide range of ICT-related topics, including Interactive Whiteboards and Web 2.0 technologies.

Chris blogs about education, technology and ideas at www.betchablog.com and also produces a regular podcast called The Virtual Staffroom. He is also currently co-authoring a book with Mal Lee on teaching effectively with IWBs.