

# Engaging Boys in Learning Languages K - 12



*It is an ongoing challenge for languages teachers to motivate boys in their classrooms. They regularly comment that many boys can be disengaged and show little interest in the subject. This leads to difficult behavior which impacts on entire classes.*

The aim of this full-day session is to gain an insight into the way boys feel about foreign language study, and to understand how this can be used to motivate boys in our classrooms. The workshop will give an overview of ideas in the field of boys' education, looking at research into boys and the way they learn, and boy's own perception of languages learning. There will be discussion of the role of the teacher in motivation and of strategies to help engage boys in their language learning. Ideas will be explained in simple and practical ways that will enable teachers to apply the knowledge immediately upon returning to classrooms. Teachers will have the opportunity to discuss and plan curriculum in ways that will motivate boys (whilst also engaging girls). By the end of the day, we will bring together all ideas - knowledge of how boys learn, strategies and approaches to our planning and teaching, and hands-on activities - to ensure that teachers go away with confidence and enthusiasm about working with, and engaging the boys in their classrooms.

**Date:** Monday, 8th March 2010

**Time:** 9am - 3.30pm

*Morning tea and lunch provided*

**Venue:** The Boulevard Centre, Floreat

**Cost:**

AISWA ATP Members - Free  
AISWA Catholic Members - \$50  
Non Members - \$60

If you wish to attend please register online at

[www.ais.wa.edu.au](http://www.ais.wa.edu.au)

before the 3rd March.

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Sarah is a teacher of languages (French/Indonesian) and consults to schools in a range of areas related to languages learning and teaching. Previously Head of Languages at a boys' school in Melbourne, Sarah completed a Masters in Education focusing on engaging boys in languages and teacher role in motivation. Sarah has recently completed a research project with the Association of Independent Schools, Victoria (Engaging Boys in Languages Learning). Other interests include vocational language learning, resource development, promotion of Language programmes across school communities, teacher-student rapport and its link to student engagement and behaviour management, and focus on oral skills and student use of target language. Sarah also runs her own online business - The Happy Teacher - developing resources for teachers of languages.



**CANCELLATION POLICY**

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**PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET**

We rely on your signature to be able to credit you with PL hours, and failure to sign in may result in you being billed for non-attendance and your PL hours being revoked.

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