

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why was the venue chosen?

Part of the conference committee's role is to keep the cost of the conference down so that registration fees are affordable to all. The venue was chosen due to its many positive features, some of which are:

- Value for money
- Ample parking
- Easy access from North / South / East / West of Brisbane
- Size of venue
- Enough break out rooms for workshops

2. How do I get the workshop of my choice?

The on-line registration form indicates which workshops are booked out. Preferences are no longer required. You are booked into the workshop you register for on-line. To have a better chance of being allocated your first choice register on-line early. ECTA Members receive the conference brochure approximately 2 weeks before the general mail out and are emailed a link to the on-line registration form before it appears on the website. Popular workshops fill fast!!

3. Why is it important to only attend my allocated Masterclasses or Workshops?

- To respect those who were allocated a place in the Masterclass/Workshop
- To alleviate pressure on the presenter
- Participants allocated a place in the workshop miss out on handouts
- To spread numbers evenly across workshops
- For record keeping and if PD certificate verification is required

4. Can we have tables and chairs for break times?

Space and cost are prohibitive. Also this is a time for networking with other delegates, viewing displays and attending the optional forums – sitting at tables may restrict this.

5. How do I become involved in the ECTA conference coordinating committee?

This conference only comes about due to the dedication of a small group of Early Childhood Professionals, from various sectors, eg Child Care, Kindergarten, Prep, Primary, School Age Care & TAFE, who meet monthly after work.

If you would like to know more about the committee or how to join we would love to hear from you.

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7. How can we access networking opportunities?

The **morning tea and lunch breaks** give conference delegates the time and opportunity to eat, network and view the trade displays in a relaxed atmosphere.

Both breaks also allow time for the workshop presenters to set up and have a break between presentations.

8. What is Session 3 (1.50pm – 2.50pm)?

Session 3 (After - lunch sessions) consist of four options that offer opportunities for networking in your relevant field. There is no registration required for these sessions. Just join in!

9. Do I need to keep a copy of the conference program?

This allows you to have proof of your attendance at the conference in conjunction with your Certificate.

Some workplaces need you to keep a professional development portfolio and it can also be included in your resume.

10. How do I receive ECTA publications?

Only current financial ECTA members receive these ECTA publications- (Journal, DVD's and E News).

To become a member visit the Website or sign up at the ECTA Stand on the day of the conference.

11. Can we receive copies of conference notes and power point slides?

Some speakers may choose to provide participants with their own notes on the day. All speakers provide ECTA with a workshop article that is published in an ECTA journal. **The journal is only available to ECTA members.** Some speakers provide ECTA with their power point slides and these can be accessed through the **Members Only** section of the web-site.

12. Can the conference be extended to 2 days?

The workload for volunteers would be too great and the expense of a 2-day conference would inhibit many people from attending.

13. How do I complete an Evaluation Form of the conference?

You can go to the ECTA Website www.ecta.otg.au and down-load the Evaluation Form. Save the completed form to your computer the return to ECTA via email or fax to (07) 5481 1148 or mail to ECTA at 20 Hilton Road Gympie Q 4570. There will be a random prize draw of 1 x 2009 Conference Registration refund for those who submit an on-line evaluation. You can also email us with any suggestions you may have regarding the conference.

14. What happens if I register late?

If you register after Sunday 21st June 2009 you will need to come to the Information Desk to receive a hand-written name tag. No special dietary requirements will be catered for and choice of Masterclass/ Workshop will be limited to what is available on the day.