

## Australian Educators in Juvenile Justice

### National Conference

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010

#### **Conference Report**

The Australian Educators in Juvenile Justice (AEJJ) held a three day National Conference in Sydney on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The hard work of the conference committee resulted in a robust program with a wide breadth of workshops and two key note speakers.

The key note speakers addressed areas of improving student engagement and achievement through the explicit teaching of aspects of positive psychology and values, and of improving teachers' ability to work creatively and better understand the people we work with.

The conference workshops covered issues of employment, education and training for young offenders, Indigenous offending, support and diversion programs.

Throughout the course of the conference the themes of curriculum, culture and transitional pathways were explored.

The conference presented new ideas to engage and explore. The conference also provided opportunities for teachers to network with interstate colleagues and establish ongoing contacts.

Facility visits to two Juvenile Justice Centres were conducted on the first day of the conference. At the Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre we visited the Dorchester Education and Training Unit and at the Juniperina Juvenile Justice Centre we visited the Sunninghill Education and Training Unit.

The AEJJ National Conference provided attendees the opportunity to engage and explore, connect and communicate. The AEJJ National Conference was a successful and highly motivating exchange of ideas and opinions creating an environment of vision for the future of Juvenile Justice in Australia.

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