# Certificate in Digital Literacies

6 Saturday seminars 11am – 4pm

**1 March, 5 April, 3 May, 2 & 30 August, 27 September 2008**

Education Building, Manning Road, The University of Sydney, Camperdown

## CONTENT & FORMAT

This course will involve a critical investigation of digital literacies, multimodal digital authoring and new forms of social networking, covering the upper years of primary schooling to the HSC years. The course is designed to provide sufficient time for experimentation with materials and ideas in between seminars, and, from Seminar 2, will include opportunities for participant feedback and sharing. During the seminars students will:

- Examine and analyse a range of multimodal digital fiction and discuss how they might be included in studies of new forms of narrative
- Discuss fan fiction and its value in young people's writing development
- Be introduced to a range of social networking sites including blogs, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, YouTube and wikis and discuss ways teachers are currently (and might in future be) using such sites for enhancing student literacy
- Discuss how video games might be used in the classroom for educational purposes
- Explore the virtual world of Second Life and see how thousands of educators around the world are leveraging this space for all of its educational affordances
- Explore the use of digital spaces for identity play, creativity and role-playing and evaluate how these concepts influence, shape or contribute to innovative literacy uses by young people, and
- Learn how to create a machinima using Kahootz and / or Second Life as a multimedia authoring tool.

The course format consists of lecturer presentations, group activities, group discussions, virtual world (Second Life) exploration, and workshops.

**Note:** It would be highly advantageous for participants to bring their own wireless laptops to the sessions. Computers with graphics cards that can handle 3D gaming worlds would be ideal.

## COURSE PRESENTER

Dr Angela Thomas lectures in primary English education, and is Convenor of the MEd English and Literacies degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work. Details of Angela's research interests and publications can be found on her homepage – http://angelaathomas.com

## PARTICIPATION & ACCREDITATION

To receive the Certificate in Digital Literacies, full attendance at all six seminars and active participation is required.

Completion of the full Certificate program, and the successful submission of two additional assessment tasks may be credited as one Unit of Study towards the Faculty's Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master of Education degrees. Please contact us for further information if you are interested.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## FEES & PAYMENT

GST inclusive - please tick the rate that applies to you

**SINGLE** ☐ **$780**

**GROUP** ☐ **$750** pp (for 2 or more people from the same school - enrolment forms must be submitted together)

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The University of Sydney reserves the right to alter any arrangements or cancel a course or to refuse any enrolment as permitted by law. Should the University of Sydney cancel a course the participant will receive a full refund of fees. Refunds for withdrawal (less a $50 administration fee) are available if notification is received in writing either by mail or email at least seven days prior to the start date. Please choose carefully as the University of Sydney cannot accept responsibility for changes in personal circumstances or work commitments. No refunds will be given after the closing date.

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I have read and understand the terms and conditions and declare that the information I have provided is correct and complete.

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Date _____

## SURVEY

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