Welcome

Welcome to Teaching@Sydney for 2015 – and a special welcome to new staff who are joining the university. We look forward to working with you in the coming year. Teaching@Sydney is a monthly e-bulletin with news about teaching, teaching development grant and award announcements, and information on a range of professional learning opportunities for university teachers.

New staff are particularly invited to join us for the two day introduction to teaching and learning Principles and Practices at The University of Sydney to be held on the 27 and 28th of February. The program provides an orientation to the concepts that underpin university teaching and an introduction to the key university policies and learning systems and resources, and is a chance to meet new colleagues at Sydney. The program addresses practical challenges new teachers face, such as such how best to engage students in your face-to-face and online classes, and includes practical advice from expert teachers across the university. You can register here for the next Principles and Practices program and see when it will be running later in the year. One of the other opportunities for staff early in first semester are the eLearning workshops which cover best practice for teaching online using the University’s eLearning enterprise systems. New topics include the use of Collaborate for web-conferencing. You can register here for the eLearning workshops and see the full program.

These eLearning workshops and Institute for Teaching and Learning programs are provided as part of a suite of professional learning opportunities available through the Education Portfolio and you can explore what’s on offer here. There will be many new professional learning opportunities on offer over the coming semester which will be advertised in this newsletter, including an exciting seminar in our monthly #edtech talks series from Professor Peter Bol on MOOCs.

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