



Dear Friend,

Welcome to our March edition of TEC Connects. We pray this monthly newsletter will serve as an encouragement and a resource that helps equip you in what you are called by God to do in the ministry of Christian Education.

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WELLBEING IN A CHRIST-CENTRED COMMUNITY

By Tina Lamont

As we continue with our theme of *Wellbeing* I have been pondering the role of a healthy, Christ-centred community as the environment in which our humanity was designed to be all that God envisioned for us as image bearers.

As our creator, God's intention has always been for humanity to live in community as an embodiment of the Trinitarian relationship. The foundational concept of wellbeing is the enjoyment of relationship with God and participation in His community. God's original creative design for humanity was in the context of relationship. We flourish and enjoy wellbeing in community; "God dwelling with his people" (Stanley J Grenz). Ephesians 2:21-22.

As a consequence of the fall, humans are flawed image bearers. Yet God's vision and purpose for humanity has never changed. God's redemptive heart is seeking the restored wellbeing of humanity as He brings about the redemption and restoration of His people, living in relationship with their God and each other.

Our wellbeing is the expression of our redemption as we live in an authentic, Christ-centred community of love. The body of Christ becomes the place for humans to experience God's restoration and abundance. It is in this context that God equips His community to be united as one, to be engaged in acts of service and to use spiritual gifts to edify and build each other up and to encounter His fulness together. There can be no greater place to encounter wellbeing in the biblical sense.

John 10:10 speaks of the abundance God desires for His people. "But I have come to *give you everything in abundance; more than you expect*—life in abundance until you overflow!" It's rather breathtaking when we understand wellbeing from God's perspective.

We live in the "now and not yet" part of God's narrative. God is moving all of creation towards his final redemptive purpose to restore complete wellbeing which will culminate with the return of Jesus. God will establish his eschatological community where the full expression of Wellbeing will see God's redeemed people being completely renewed in relationship with Him, fellowship with each other and harmony in all creation. What a wonderful picture of wellbeing; all of creation flourishing in the fulness and completeness of God.

May you be blessed as you participate in the Christ-centred community that God has designed for your Wellbeing so you will flourish and experience all God desires.

RESOURCES FROM

HOPE CONFERENCE 2019

We are delighted to announce that the full suite of resources from the 2019 Hope Conference is now available on TEC website. The resource suite includes Hope conference presentations, videos, PowerPoints and the photo gallery. The presentations in particular were rich in content. The material was generously layered with abundance of truth and methodology. Please enjoy this resource which is now available at your fingertips.

[Click here to access these resources.](#)

TEC NEWS

[NESA ACCREDITATION](#)

TEC is celebrating our recent significant achievement. We received our NESA Certificate to confirm TEC as an Endorsed Provider which remains valid until 2021. We acknowledge the hard work of the whole team to keep creating products and services that add so much value. TEC can produce both NESA courses and other courses due to our recognition status.

New NESA Accredited TEC Courses in the Pipeline

The following 2 courses are currently being developed for 2019 and will be NESA accredited. Keep your eye out for:

Teaching for Discipleship

TEC Special Education Certificate

We will keep you posted about the progress of these two courses once they are added to our suite of courses.

We continue to extend the services of TEC to its partner schools. Below is a snapshot of the 2019 NESA accredited courses available through TEC that are all from a Christian perspective. Many of these courses can be accessed online for school partners and individual partners. Please click here for TEC online www.teconline.org.au

2019 current NESA accredited TEC courses:

Workable Routines in the Classroom

Managing Challenging Behaviour

Religious Backgrounds

Differentiation Strategies for ASD Students

Feedback to Improve Student Performance

With the addition of:

Teaching for Problem Solving and Critical Thinking

SMARTER Goals for Improved Teaching and Learning

Policies, Safety and Care

Data Informed Student Improvement

Mentoring and Coaching for Teaching and Learning

Developing a Teaching and Learning Program in a Christian School

Using CANVAS to Improve Teaching and Learning

Please check out our website for further details or speak to a consultant today by calling +61 2 9651 0712.

ON THE RESEARCH FRONT

TEC is blessed to have two resident researchers. Both Dr Anne Knowles and Dr Thomas Smith are gifted researchers and writers. Anne and Thomas have recently written some exceptional research-based articles for publication in key journals.

Summary of the articles sent to Journals by TEC Research Team so far in 2019.

To International Journal of Christianity & Education

A cognitive window into Year 3 students' social thinking process.

by Dr Anne Knowles and Dr Thomas Smith. A 5000-word article describing research with Year 3 students using ActsPVP (Personal Viewpoints Pedagogy frame-worked curriculum based on narratives from the Book of Acts).

To Nurture

What do OTHERS think? Why should that be important to ME? *The development of critical and perspectival thinking in Year 3 students*

by Dr Anne Knowles and Dr Thomas Smith

The following is a summary of the research in the IJCE.

Nurture – “Snapshot”

Christian School Student hands in Doctoral Thesis at the famous Cambridge 'Red Door'

This is a snap shot from a proud parent (Dr Anne Knowles) whose daughter, Emma Knowles, attended Pacific Hills Christian School (PHCS) graduating in 2007.

To *Christian Teachers Journal* - Opinion Piece

Education with and for Empathy. What can the Bible contribute? *A lot, I would have thought!*

by Dr Anne Knowles

This is an article in response to the *Learning & the Brain[®] Conference. Education with Empathy - Cultivating kindness, compassion, cooperation and good behavior*, 15-17 February 2019 which Anne attended in San Francisco, CA. It includes reference to research at PHCS with Yr 7 and Yr 3 students by Dr Thomas Smith & Dr Anne Knowles.

These articles will become available on TEC website once published. In the meantime, if you haven't yet checked out our "Scholars" resources on TEC website, [click here to access this wealth of information.](#)

What's Happening?

Dates for the Diary

March 22, 2019

Aspiring Leaders Retreat, Sydney
(Part 1 of Aspiring Leaders was conducted on Friday 22 March with 16 delegates. Please keep your eye out for the next Aspiring Leaders Retreat)

May 3, 2019

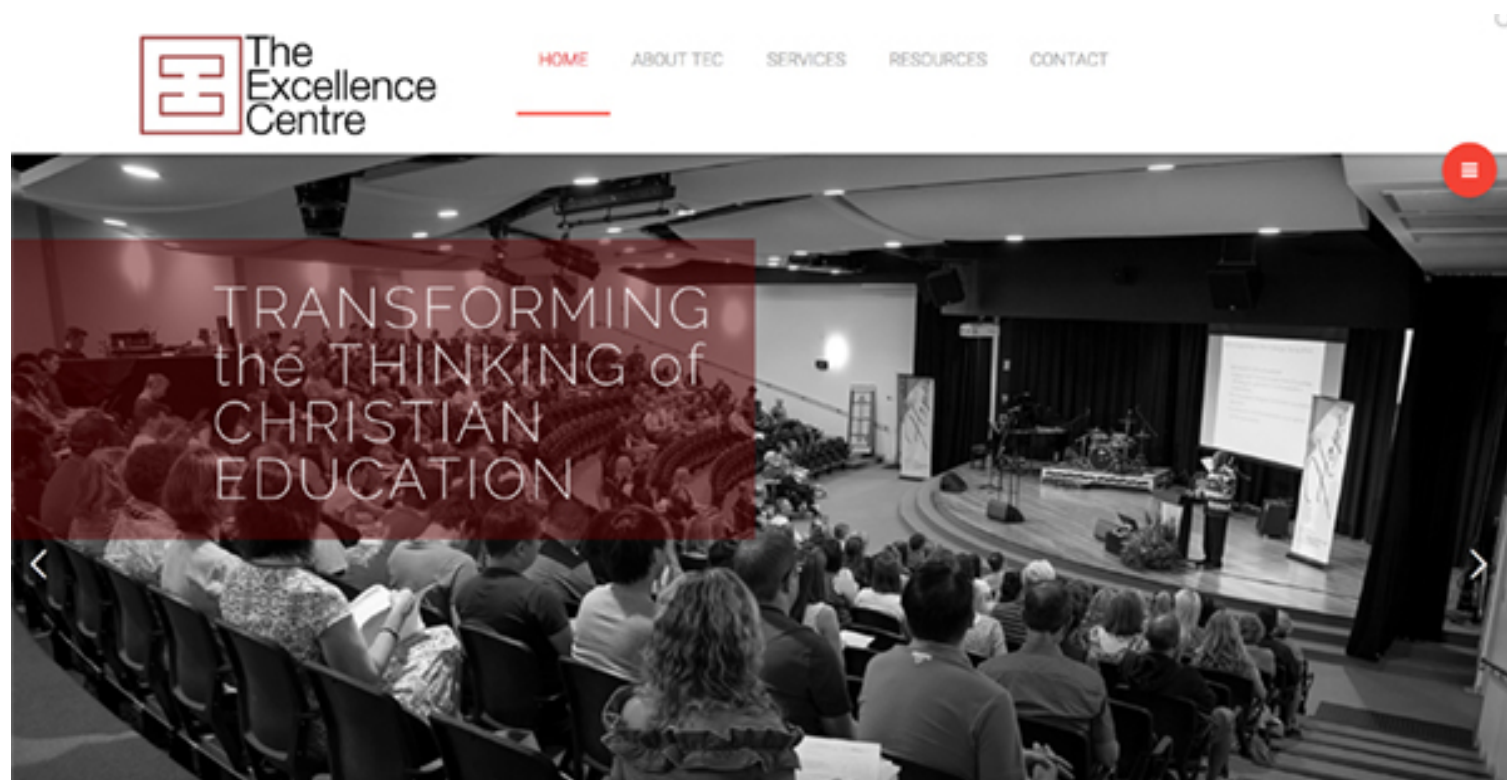
Equipping Leaders Retreat, Sydney
(diarise the date and plan to join us)

We would love to welcome you to any of our TEC events.

Please email the TEC Office to RSVP for an event or to enquire about events info@theexcellencecentre.org.

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TEC continues to be a hive of activity as we extend our offerings to partner with you. So, stay tuned and keep a watch on our website www.theexcellencecentre.org and [Facebook page](#).



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