



# **12TH PACIFIC RIM FIRST YEAR IN HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2009**

'Preparing for tomorrow today:  
the first year experience as foundation'

**Rydges Southbank, Townsville**  
**29 June – 1 July 2009**

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**The conference provides the opportunity to disseminate research and practice on enhancing the first year in higher education and lends itself to a wide variety of subjects including:**

- Building expectations through marketing and recruitment strategies
- Exemplar practice in reaching out to FY students
- Teaching and/or supporting large FY cohorts
- Best practice in peer to peer interaction in the FY
- Academic and professional partnerships to enhance FYE
- Monitoring and intervention processes
- Work integrated learning for FY students
- Building learning communities in FY
- Innovative technology to enhance FY engagement
- Engagement and belonging – outside formal curriculum
- Non-academic support to manage work/life/study/balance
- Enhancing equity and participation
- Assessment of FY students
- Design of learning space to develop community
- Institutional transformation and the FYE

#### **Types of submissions:**

- Refereed and non-refereed papers
- Nuts and bolts sessions
- Posters

#### **Who should attend:**

- Academic and professional leaders from all levels who are involved with and committed to enhancing the experience of commencing students through research led and practice based initiatives.

#### **What will you get out of it:**

- Engage with others in an holistic discussion about the breadth and depth of FYHE issues for practice and research.
- Hear about best practice across the sector from the people involved.
- Present and discuss your ideas with interested colleagues.

#### **Keynote Speakers**

Professor Keithia Wilson, Griffith University, 2007 ALTC Prime Minister's Award

Professor Trevor Gale, Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education  
Hawke Research Institute for Sustainable Societies University of South Australia