

# Panel Forum for Pre-Service Teachers

## 4:00-7:00pm, 26 November

### The Cube & Atrium, P Block, Gardens Point Campus, QUT

Step Up is offering all pre-service teachers interested in STEM education a wonderful opportunity to hear from a distinguished panel about successful transitioning to the classroom and beyond.

We invite you join us on 26 November at QUT to listen to the following panel members share their personal stories and advice to students. Whether you are about to graduate or have just started your course, this is a unique opportunity to receive valuable guidance from highly awarded teachers, as well as to network with peers from across Queensland universities. Various science HODs and school principals from south-east Queensland will also be invited so this is your chance to get talking to potential future employers and get yourself known professionally.

#### Panel Members

**Karen Board:** Science Teacher, Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham (co-educational Catholic)

Karen only graduated from JCU mid-2015 and started teaching at Gilroy in Term 3, having received multiple job offers. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, which recognises her outstanding academic achievements, and a former Step Up ambassador who was sponsored to attend the National Science Teachers Conference in Perth earlier this year.

**Glen Sinclair:** Science Teacher, Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell (co-educational private)

Glen has been teaching science for around 5 years, during which time he has received several accolades for his innovative, engaging and effective teaching style. In 2014 he was a finalist for the Queensland College of Teachers Excellence in Beginning to Teach Awards, and this year he has won a Peter Doherty Outstanding Teacher of Science Award.

**Sarah Chapman:** Head of Science, Townsville State High School (co-educational state)

Sarah is an experienced science teacher who has achieved the highest recognition possible within Australia, having won in 2013 the Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools. She is also a recipient of a Peter Doherty Award (2008), an Australian Award for Teaching Excellence (2009) and a JCU Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award (2010).

**Erica McLean:** Head of Science, Somerville House, Brisbane (independent girls)

Erica oversees a dynamic and successful science department at a prestigious school and is known among QUT staff as a forward-thinking and innovative science educator. She is passionate about supporting pre-service and early career teachers in the classroom, and has also spent several years at Griffith University doing chemistry sessional work with PSTs.

**Andrew Peach:** Executive Principal, Marsden State High School (co-educational state)

A Brisbane-based principal of extremely high repute, Andrew is familiar with QUT, USQ and UQ since he is an alumnus of all three universities. Though not a science teacher he is a strong advocate for STEM and was principal of Bundamba State Secondary College in 2014 when it won a Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science. For the past two years, Andrew has also been the Queensland Chair of National Science Week.