

CPAT Kate O’Driscoll Award

Acceptance and Presentation of Experience

Thanks:

- Matt Jones
- Richard Chapman
- CPAT

Acknowledgement:

- Kate O’Driscoll

I would just like to quickly make an acknowledgement of the namesake of this award in Kate O’Driscoll. Although I didn’t have the pleasure of coming in contact with Kate over my teaching career, through research and conversations I have come to believe that Kate was the type of leader I aspire to be. An individual who is not just a leader in the field of education but in the greater community, sporting landscapes (Hockey and Surf Lifesaving) and all facets of her life. It is fantastic that we can continue to acknowledge and celebrate Kate and her achievements through this award.

Think Strategic – Leadership for the 21st Century

Conducted by Maxine Driscoll

Goals:

To develop knowledge in the areas of:

- Multi facet leadership – Direction and effectiveness.
- Direction of Education Curriculum based on 21st century needs.
- The ability to engage and educate students on the importance of the learning process.

Professional conversation and knowledge:

- All activities undertaken in the school environment should be to: Improve student learning, welfare and culture. This starts with strong leadership.
- **Leadership is also about generational understanding and interactions (across all generations of staff and students). (Human Graphing)**
- Phoenix University commissioned a study to show the top 10 qualities that are needed in a 21st century worker:

Leadership	Global Citizenship	Productivity & Accountability
Collaboration	Critical Thinking	Entrepreneurialism
Adaptability	Communication	Innovation
Assess, Analyse and Synthesise Information		

- **Leadership is about empowering people that know more than you, don’t try and be an expert in every area, it simply isn’t possible.**

- The purpose of a school has changed, our direction, skills and qualities in which we can to foster are a changing landscape and need to be adaptable due to the rapid rise in technology. Tony Wagner’s 7 Life Survival Skill are as follows:

Collaboration & Leadership	Adaptability	Initiative & Entrepreneurialism
Assess & Analyse	Curiosity & Imagination	Effective oral and written skills
Critical Thinking & Problem Solving		

- **21st Century Leadership Skills – Maxine Driscoll**

Think Strategically	Focus	Emotional Intelligence
Global mindset	Embrace Asia	Do Good
Simplify	Growth mindset	Entrepreneurial Mindset

- **High performing teams** are of integrated generations, develop trust and confidence, are proactive where need to and reactive where need be, results focused, creative problem solvers, embrace opportunity and are innovators.
- **Be the first follower** – A new idea is just that without followers, people will often wait for others before they jump on, or decide the idea is worthy. Becoming the first follower is empowering and creates interest, once the first following comes other will join the party. Soon people that aren’t on board with the idea/proposal become the minority, this is the only way we can move forward and create change proactively.
- **Rapid rise of technology (Exponential Change)** – Such is the rapid rise of technology that if you actually took 30 exponential steps you would have taken enough steps to circle the world eight times. Technology is evolving at such a rapid rate that the world hasn’t adapted or ready for the issues it is currently facing. This starts with education. – Knowledge Works Forecast 4.0

Outcomes:

- What 21st century skill do I want to foster to support the learning and opportunity for success for my students, colleagues, family members and athletes moving forward?
 “I want to empower and support people to self-discover solutions to problems rather than just telling or giving (traditional model)”.
- As technology grows rapidly and adapts it seems that the key fundamentals of development and learning are more prevalent than ever, communication, collaboration, adaptability, assessing and analysing but now, as leaders what we now need to implement the vision of entrepreneurialism, innovation and global citizenship within our curriculums and teaching.
- The landscapes are shifting and I believe leaders need to move with the drivers of change. Employability of our future learners is going require more skills and this action and adaption is required now.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to undertake this conference and I look forward to working with you again in the future.