



Financial education in our schools: What resources do teachers need?

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Panellist details:

Dr Tracey West
Education Manager
Talk Money with Ecstra
Foundation

Dr Tracey West is a financial literacy and financial education expert with over 11 years of experience investigating consumer knowledge and behaviours. Tracey joined the Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation program from Griffith University, where she was a lecturer in behavioural finance at the Griffith Business School. In this role, she managed many funded projects, established the behavioural science major, developed a finance curriculum and was involved in student competitions and committees.

Rachelle Willington
Curriculum Specialist
HASS, ACARA

Rachelle is responsible for the Australian Curriculum: Humanities and Social Sciences. Rachelle coordinated the development and review of the F-10 Australian Curriculum: Humanities and Social Sciences learning area. She has participated in several national projects, including the recent Constitutional Education Fund resources project. Rachelle is an experienced educator who has worked in both K-6 and 7-10. She has been a classroom teacher, HASS curriculum coordinator, curriculum adviser for the Queensland Department of Education and HASS curriculum specialist at QCAA.

Rachael Whitney-Smith
Curriculum Specialist
Mathematics, ACARA

Rachael is responsible for the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics. Rachael coordinated the development and review of the F-10 Australian Curriculum: Mathematics and led the development of the National Numeracy Learning Progressions Version 3.0. Rachael has worked as a Mathematics consultant F-12, a professional officer for the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers (AAMT) and the Executive Officer for the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA). She has also previously worked as a Secondary Mathematics teacher in NSW and WA and as a head of Department (Mathematics). Rachael has participated in several international and national projects, including the OECD Education 2030: Mathematics Curriculum Document Analysis Project.

Melanie Hughes
Curriculum Specialist
Technologies, ACARA

Melanie is responsible for the Australian Curriculum: Technologies and the General Capability: Digital Literacy. Melanie is an experienced teacher who has worked in Primary and Secondary classrooms and on cross-sectoral technologies projects. Melanie has been a board member of the Information and Communication Technologies Educators Association of NSW (ICTENSW) and a Senior Project Officer for ACARA's Digital Technologies in Focus (DTiF) project. During her career, Melanie has been a classroom teacher, curriculum leader, technologies integration specialist, Education Consultant: Technologies, K-12/STEM for The Association of Independent Schools NSW and a Senior Education Specialist: Technologies/ STEM with the Australian Academy of Science.

Panellist details:

Andrew Dadswell
ASIC MoneySmart

With expertise in finance and communications, Andrew Dadswell has worked in financial education for over 20 years in the private and public sectors. Andrew currently leads Consumer Communications at ASIC, including the MoneySmart program that includes calculators, content, consumer-focussed education and awareness campaigns and teaching resources, to help Australians take control of their financial lives and in support of ASIC's objective for confident and informed participation in financial markets.

Alex Symonds
Public Education Economist
RBA Education/
Economics Teacher

Alex Symonds is a Public Education Economist and Economics Teacher at the Reserve Bank of Australia. He works in the Bank's Public Education and Access Team, collaborating with RBA economists to produce materials to help Australia's economics teachers and students. Prior to joining the Bank, Alex was a high school teacher and taught senior Economics and Business Studies, as well as a range of junior subjects. As a teacher, Alex created a suite of online economics resources that have been used by teachers and students around the world.

Lynette Rose
Manager, Community &
Stakeholder Education and
Engagement Team
Office of Fair Trading Qld

Lyn has worked for the Office of Fair Trading in Townsville, the Gold Coast and Brisbane. Due to her complaint handling roles she has a wide range of experience in working with consumers, businesses and community groups. Lyn enjoys meeting Queenslanders and providing them with information and advice about consumer-related issues, particularly relating to the Australian Consumer Law and avoiding scams. Lyn is currently leading the Office of Fair Trading's Community and Stakeholder Education and Engagement Team.

Dr John West
President of the Maths
Association of WA

Dr John West is a former teacher and lecturer in mathematics education who now works as a mathematics education consultant and author. John has worked as a numeracy consultant for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Since 2021, John has worked as fly-in/fly-out numeracy consultant for Coober Pedy School, and as a Project Officer for The University of Adelaide's Maths in Schools project. John also serves as President of the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA).

Sheila Griffin
Numeracy Consultant

Sheila is the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA) Numeracy Consultant. She has a passion for improving the teaching of mathematics by supporting schools and teachers through targeted professional learning and practical differentiated classroom ideas. She is co-author of Teaching Mathematics Through Story Books 1,2 and 3 with Dr Paul Swan which was shortlisted at the national publication awards in 2022.

Sheila has a primary school background working in the state school sector where she had a range of Numeracy and leadership roles including the West Australian Project Officer for the teaching of Consumer and Financial Literacy education through the MoneySmart Program. Sheila has also delivered "hands on" Primary Maths workshops at Murdoch University.

She has received several awards with recognition at a national level when she was awarded an Excellence in Teaching Mathematics and Outstanding Primary Maths Teacher of the Year from the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI). Additionally, she received an award for her whole school approach to the teaching of Consumer and Financial Literacy.

Panellist details:

Bronny Burger
Next Generation Project Lead

Bronny Burger is an educator and trainer with the Northern Territory Department of Education's Aboriginal Educators Team. She is part of the team that oversees the Remote Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (RATE), a program which trains First Nation educators and secondary school students interested in becoming future teachers in Northern Territory.

Bronny is a highly experienced educator. She has worked with First Nation educators for over 15 years in remote schools across the Northern Territory and Far North Queensland, collaborating to create learning environments that facilitate two-way learning. She is well versed in building strong teaching teams to ensure that learning is practical, relevant, playful and meaningful for the students she works with.

Bronny holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne. She holds a Bachelor in Environmental Science from Monash University with honours, a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning at Charles Darwin University and a Certificate IV in Assessment and Training.

Roset Khair
Vice President Economics and
Business Educators NSW

Roset Khair is the Head of Teaching and Learning at her school, having taught in the public and independent school sector. She has been a Director of the Economic and Business Educators NSW for almost 6 years and has convened and presented many of their Commerce & Business Studies courses around assessment, literacy, and creative and independent learning. She is also the NSW Affiliate for Business Educators Australasia, the professional organisation representing all states.

She is also the educational consultant for the ASX Sharemarket game where last year she finished a major project updating their learning materials. Roset holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Management), Diploma in Business (Front Line Management), and a Master in Teaching (Secondary) and a Master in Education (Learning and Leadership).

In 2022 she was awarded Western Sydney Women Educator of the Year and was also awarded 2022 Crescent Awards Educator of the year for Innovation in Teaching.

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