

# **QSITE Report**

## **Towards a Model of Effective Professional Development in ICT for Teachers**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this study was to identify the characteristics of effective PD in ICT for teachers, based on a survey of QSITE members, conducted at the QSITE 2004 state conference, along with input from state leaders in the field of teacher PD, gained through semi-structured interviews with key personnel in a cross section of education systems. In addition, data was collected through a review of the literature and environmental scan. This report will seek to provide the resulting overview of the characteristics of effective PD in ICT for teachers. It emerged that a format incorporating extended time and opportunities to "play" in a non-threatening environment is instrumental in the success of PD. There also needs to be a high level of support for the program from school administrations and a system in place to allow continued participation and support.

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

AGQTP – Australian Government Quality Teacher Program  
BCE – Brisbane Catholic Education  
BECTA – British Educational Communications and Technology Agency  
CALPRO – California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project  
CLIC – Computer Literacy Inservice Course  
EQ – Education Queensland (Department of Education Queensland)  
F2F – Face to Face  
ICT – Information and Communication Technology  
LP – The Learning Place  
MCREL – Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory  
NCREL – North Central Regional Educational Laboratory  
OTA – Office of Technology Assessment  
OTN – Oz-Teacher Net  
PD – Professional Development  
PLC – Professional Learning Community  
PLOT – Professional Learning Online Tool  
QSITE - Queensland Society for Information Technology in Education  
QTP – Quality Teacher Program  
QUT – Queensland University of Technology  
RIP – Reinventing Practice  
RITE – Research in Information Technology Education group  
SEDL – Southwest Educational Research Laboratory  
TAFE – Technical and Further Education