

## Training for teaching arts in primary schools

Whilst artists can qualify as a specialist art teacher for Secondary Schools, there is no opportunity to do that for Primary teaching. We are interested to know if there are artists who would like to undertake Post Graduate study to support a part-time, short-term or peripatetic art teaching career in Primary

schools. The School of Education at ECU has an innovative program whereby participation in endorsed Credentialed Professional Learning workshops can be used for credit in Post Graduate qualifications. Artists can choose to complete from one to six workshops. Each workshop which is fee-paying, runs for two days and requires the completion of associated workshop tasks. As each workshop is completed, a Credentialed Professional Learning Certificate is awarded. Six completed workshops plus two postgraduate units are required for the award of a Post Graduate Certificate.

At this stage we are gauging interest to determine the viability of this course. If the interest is strong it would start in 2006. So, if you are interested please email Judith Dinham [j.dinham@ecu.edu.au](mailto:j.dinham@ecu.edu.au) and provide your name and contact details – email, postal address and phone. You will then be contacted for more details and provided with more information. If you have any particular queries, feel free to raise them in your email/letter.

Judith Dinham is a member of the research team currently undertaking the National Review of Education in Visual Arts, Craft, Design and Visual Communications [www.visualeducationreview.edu.au](http://www.visualeducationreview.edu.au) The review reflects the national interest in creating a visually literate and capable generation to meet the demands of living in a globalised, knowledge society where creativity is important and visual literacy is being seen as important as language literacy and numeracy. The Post Graduate program for arts educators in Primary Schools is one proposal for supporting good quality Primary arts education.

*Dr Judith Dinham at ECU who is a practising artist herself as well as an art educator is interested in gauging the level of interest among visual artists in teaching art in Primary Schools.*