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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

# An Educated Australia?

**WILL THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM DEBATE MISS A  
ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE  
OUR CHILDREN FOR THE RAPIDLY-CHANGING WORLD?**

Australia has a dual history, geographies of multiple languages and a culture of multiple heritages.

With debate now raging on a national curriculum for schools, is it time to question whether educational paradigms inherited from the past will fully prepare and serve future generations?

This public lecture confronts the issues and opportunities we must consider for Australia to be a widely literate and progressive multicultural nation. Drawing on research into indigenous and other non-mainstream communities, questions of curriculum, educational philosophy, relevance of what is taught and the very structure of schools will be explored and new possibilities suggested for consideration.

## PROFESSOR ROSEMARY JOHNSTON

Rosemary Johnston is Head of Education at UTS and Founding Director of the UTS Centre for Child and Youth Culture and Wellbeing. Currently she is establishing the Centre's interdisciplinary project, *Literate Australia*, which overarches cell projects with specific outcomes relating to the education, culture and wellbeing of children and youth. She is also leading the ARC project, *New Ways of Doing School: Mixing story and technology to generate innovative learning, social and cultural communities*.

## INTRODUCED BY

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## When

Wednesday 30 September 2009  
6.00pm drinks for 6.30pm start  
Ends 7.45pm

## Where

UTS University Hall  
UTS Science Building  
745 Harris Street Ultimo (diagonally  
opposite ABC headquarters)

## Transport

UTS is only ten minutes walk from  
Central Station, Eddy Avenue and  
Railway Square bus stops.  
Parking is available for those with  
a disability or special need to drive:  
Peter Johnson Building,  
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702-730 Harris St. Ultimo.

## RSVP

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