

### DARTA Seminar Day 2018: Sydney

A one-day information session for teachers and other professionals who work with young people will be delivered in Sydney on Friday, 15 June by Paul Dillon. Specific topic areas to be covered for each of the sessions will be made closer to the date, but please note that if you have attended a DARTA Seminar Day in the past the content will not be the same as for previous sessions.

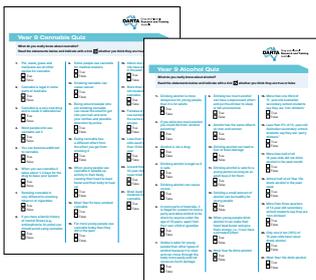
To register, go to the [DARTA website](#).

DARTA is endorsed to provide NESAs Registered Professional Development for teachers accredited at Proficient Teacher Level. **Attendance at the DARTA Seminar Day 2018 will contribute 5.5 hours of NESAs Registered PD towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.**

### QUIZZES

#### ALCOHOL AND CANNABIS

DARTA has developed two new quizzes, one on alcohol and the other on cannabis, to assist teachers to quickly assess Year 9 students' knowledge, attitudes and values, as well as perceived social norms on these drugs. A teacher's quiz has also been provided, giving the correct answers to questions (where appropriate), as well as background information that can be used during discussion.



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### New DARTA PowerPoint Presentations

New national data was released in 2017 and DARTA has produced two new PPT presentations (also available as downloadable PDF files) on the findings of the following two surveys on the 'Presentations' page of the DARTA website:

- 2016 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: Preliminary findings
- Australian secondary school students' use of tobacco, alcohol, and over-the-counter and illicit substances in 2014

There are also PDF copies of two new Parent Information Evening presentations that will be offered to schools in 2018. They are as follows:

- [Alcohol and the teenage brain: "Aren't they just doing what we did and we turned out okay?"](#)

- [Top 5 questions parents ask about alcohol: What does the research tell us?](#)



### The Real Deal on Drugs

New entries, answering real questions that young people ask via the blog cover the following questions:

- [Can I be affected \(or stoned\) if someone around me is smoking cannabis?](#)
- [Why do ecstasy users seem to 'connect' with other people when they take the drug?](#)
- [Would snorting or sniffing a drug cause an irritation under the nose?](#)
- [Could one try of cannabis have affected my school grades?](#)
- [What effect does alcohol have on antidepressants and anti-anxiety medications?](#)
- [What's the drug that kills more people than any other?](#)

### COMING SOON

#### New Teacher Fact Sheets

A number of new DARTA fact sheets have been written and are currently being reviewed. Hopefully they will be available for teachers to download by the end of Term 1. They include the following:

- Medicinal Cannabis
- Ecstasy: Patterns of use and problems
- Ecstasy: Responses – 'pill testing'

Existing fact sheets are also being reviewed and updated.