

# POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM 2007



## MORLING COLLEGE'S POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

seek to resource and equip people for more effective ministry and to facilitate ongoing personal spiritual formation. In conjunction with the Australian College of Theology, Morling offers course work subjects towards the Degrees of Master of Arts (Christian Studies), Master of Arts (Theology), Master of Arts (Ministry) and Doctor of Ministry. The Morling Postgraduate awards are strongly biblical, highly practical and scheduled to suit your lifestyle in ministry



## Reading & Believing: Hermeneutics & Genesis 1-3 – Dr Andrew Sloane

Four Full Mondays, 19/2, 19/3, 23/4, 28/5, and Tuesday 12/6

DMinor/Masters level

People who are committed to the authority of Scripture as the basis for faith and life must understand what the major issues are when it comes to interpreting Scripture and apply that interpretive approach in a coherent manner as they teach and preach. In this subject you'll engage in this process, using Genesis 1-3 as the basis for developing your awareness of the practical and theoretical issues involved.

## Towards a Christian Theory of Education I & II – Dr Bill Andersen

Every Wednesday, 10am-12pm (Part I in Semester One, Part II in Semester Two) Masters level \*

In Part I (Semester 1), you will become familiar with a biblical theory of education, by examining the ways in which biblical material can be used for the purpose of theory-building in education. You will also commence an integrative theoretical exercise by connecting biblical and educational insights in reference to the nature of persons and groups. Part II (Semester 2) aims to further your understanding of a biblical theory of education by having you commence an integrative theoretical exercise in reference to ethics, knowledge and social direction.



## Mentoring within Christian Community – Dr Sylvia Collinson

Five Full Fridays, 23/2, 23/3, 27/4, 1/6, 15/6

DMin or Masters level \*

If you've been exploring the importance of discipling /mentoring in developing mature Christians in your ministry setting, then this subject is one you can not afford to miss. Through an examination of the biblical models and methods of discipling, and reflecting on your own role as discipler, you'll be equipped to establish effective small groups of maturing disciples of Jesus.

## Christians in conflict – context, theology and practice – Bruce Burgess

Five full Mondays, 5/2 5/3 2/4 7/5 4/6

Masters level \*

Sadly, conflict traverses all areas of human activity, including the church. If you are looking for skills on how to develop and apply distinctively Christian thinking and approaches to the difficult area of conflict, then this course is for you. By helping you to think through and gain skills in approaching conflict in a work or ministry context, the course will provide a deeper theological understanding of the nature of conflict and how to respond to it in a Christian and biblical way. It will also explore ways that Christian organisations can respond to conflict in healthier ways, and to see this as an opportunity for vital and positive Christian witness to the gospel.



## Reformation Ecclesiologies for Today – Dr Graeme Chatfield

Intensive, March 12-17

DMin or Masters level \*

In a Post-Christendom world it has been claimed that the Reformation understanding of the church has nothing of importance to say to the church today. This subject tests this claim by exploring the ecclesiologies from the Reformation through the lens of theology, hermeneutics and social setting, and comparing them with today's emerging / missional ecclesiology. While there is continuity between the gathered church ecclesiologies and missional ecclesiologies, there are also important differences. Rather than seeing the Reformation as stifling the development of the church, it is argued that the creative energy that fuelled the Reformation can continue to inform developments today.



Note: Courses marked with an asterisk (\*) can be taken as Integrative (IN) subjects for MACS students



## Cross Cultural Teaching & Learning – Dr Phill Marshall

Intensive, January 29 to February 2

DMin or Masters level \*

Are you planning to be involved in teaching the Bible to someone not from your own culture, be it overseas or in your local multicultural church? Have you thought about some of the obstacles you will encounter in undertaking that task: cognitive styles, traditional educational processes, art forms or social structure? This subject will help you not only explore these issues but also shape your response on the basis of the biblical imperatives that speak to our understanding of teaching and learning.



## NT Theology & its Contemporary Implications – Dr Brian Powell

Five Full Fridays, 27/7, 24/8, 21/9, 19/10, 9/11

DMin or Masters level

This subject will confront you with the current features and issues in approaches to New Testament theology, with a view to helping you critically reflect on the contemporary world, and make the connections between New Testament theology and contemporary issues.

## Developing Missional Church Leadership – Reggie McNeal (USA)

Intensive, May 21-25

DMin or Masters level

The missional church movement is firmly established as one approach to realign the mission of the church to a changing Western culture. But will previous leadership models used by the Christendom churches be compatible with the missional church movement? Reggie McNeal says a resounding NO! In this course he defines what the characteristics of leadership in the new missional church need to be.



## Family Ministry – Dr John Reid

Five Full Mondays, 23/7, 20/8, 17/9, 15/10, 5/11

Masters level \*

How have Australians understood the nature of family in the past and today? What does the Bible have to say about the nature and function of family? How can we minister to families in Australia today? If you've ever contemplated any of these questions or sought to articulate the principles that might underpin ministry to families in the local church, then this subject will help you develop the necessary biblical understanding of family and some strategies to be effective in your ministry to families in Australia today.



## The Local Church & Global Mission – Michael Frost

Two Mini-intensives, August 2-3 and September 26-28

DMin or Masters level

This course will explore the major global issues that confront the church today - globalisation, climate change, religious conflict, terrorism, global poverty - in order to develop a biblical response on the role of the people of God in the world. We will also seek to develop and evaluate the responses of the Christian church during last century to these issues in light of the biblical mandate, and ask some telling questions about the place of cross cultural mission within the total global ministry of the church. Finally, we will create a broad range of practical steps that a local church can implement in order to develop a global vision and an effective involvement in the missionary task. This course is a must for all global Christians.

## Apologetics for Postmodern Times – Dr Ross Clifford

Intensive, August 12-17

DMin or Masters level \*

When it is claimed there is no 'truth' in post-modern culture, how do Christians present a responsible defense of the Christian 'truth-claim'? This subject will not only equip you with the theoretical requirements to engage a post-modern audience, but will work through case studies on defending God in the face of evil, defending the uniqueness of Christ in a pluralist culture and defending Christian morality, culture and philosophy and biblical truth in an age without standards.





## FEE-HELP FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY

The Government has introduced a HECS-style government loan scheme known as FEE-HELP to assist Australians fund their theological education, through paying student's tuition fees.

This scheme opens the door to postgraduate students undertaking masters and doctorate programs and can benefit anyone involved in Christian ministry.

Australian postgraduate students attending Morling College will be able to access a loan of up to \$50,950 for the course they are undertaking. This loan will then be repaid through the taxation system once the student's taxable income is above \$38,148.

Any student's HECS debt is additional to this figure and FEE-HELP is not affected by outstanding HECS balances. Debts accrued under FEE-HELP for postgraduate studies will be indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) but are otherwise interest-free.

Further information and eligibility criteria can be located at [www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)

A provisional list of postgraduate subjects for 2008 is now available. Please call our office for details on 02 9878 0201 or visit our website for further information:  
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