

Duane Smith – Istanbul International Community School



Duane Smith is currently a teacher and the Early Years team leader at Istanbul International Community School. Duane's career began as a Preschool teacher in a small country town in Queensland, Australia. Since then he has performed duties as a teacher in charge of Preschool centre's in Australia and in England, where he established a Nursery centre in the East End of London.

In Australia Duane has worked as an Early Years teacher, Deputy Principal, Principal, Curriculum writer and Education consultant in both curriculum implementation and Early Years. Duane has worked with teachers, teaching assistants and administrators to implement the Queensland Early Years Curriculum Guidelines.

Duane has also developed a series of online and e-courses to allow educators to complete professional learning anytime, anywhere with a specific focus on play-based learning and Early years education.

Most recently Duane has coached classroom teachers in developing quality teaching and learning programs to support the implementation of reading. He was also responsible for implementing and monitoring Regional learning innovation projects for the introduction of the Australian curriculum.

Duane is currently curating and recruiting Early Years teachers, locally and internationally, to develop a shared understanding of the importance of documentation, planning and collaboration to build both teacher and student capacity to personalise learning through play.

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