

# About Philosophy

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*‘And those whose hearts are fixed on the true being of each thing are to be called philosophers and not lovers of opinion’ (Socrates in Plato, The Republic)*

- ◆ Do you wonder about “The Meaning of Life?”
- ◆ Do you want to discuss different ideas and world-views?
- ◆ Do you want to improve students’ thinking skills and attention?

*Philosophy helps you explore ideas and better understand your own and others’ ways of thinking*

**Philosophy** is an inquiry and discussion activity. It examines life’s important questions, like ‘Why are we here?’ ‘Is there a God?’ ‘Why is there something rather than nothing?’ or ‘How should I live my life?’ Philosophers (‘lovers of wisdom’) seek answers to these important questions. Philosophy examines concepts, links ideas and studies values. We offer courses for adults, children and educators.

## Philosophy for Beginners

**Philosophy for Beginners** is a non-academic Philosophy course for adults. You explore key philosophical topics such as existence, ethics and knowledge. You have interesting discussions, where you share your ideas and learn from others. We offer the course throughout the year. No experience is required. Everything you need to know is explained in the first session. Check out the website for course dates and enrolment details.

## Philosophy for Children (P4C)

**Philosophy for Children** teaches discussion and reasoning skills. Children learn to think well, listen, probe meaning, give good reasons, defend their views and change their minds. Discussing key topics in a safe, nurturing way develops skills to deal with ethical and controversial issues. P4C courses are available for all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 12. They can be held in school term or as an extension or after school activity. Courses are 10-weeks of 50-minutes per week. You need to contact us to arrange a course for your school.

## Philosophy for Educators(Teaching P4C)

**Philosophy for Educators** teaches participants how to do Philosophy (P4C) with students. Philosophy improves students thinking and reasoning skills. Educators benefit by creating a cooperative and positive learning environment. Philosophy provokes discussion, and more interest in other subjects. Students’ written and oral skills invariably improve. Training follows FAPSA (Federation of Australasia in Schools Association) guidelines. Training can be delivered externally or on site at your school (depending on location). Comprehensive materials are provided. Contact us to arrange your course.

## Nelsonian Socratic Dialogue

**Nelsonian Socratic Dialogue** is a small group activity in which adults explore chosen topics under the guidance of a trained facilitator. The aim is to ‘seek truth.’ Sessions could theoretically last for several hours, days, or weeks. We offer courses in 5 x 2-hour weekly sessions. Socratic Dialogues build group cohesion and understanding. Fun for all adults, and especially good for team building in workplaces. Contact us for more details and to arrange a course for your group or your workplace.

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