

# A Tale of Three Cities:

Research Presentation of student voices and their current use of technologies at USQ

Tuesday 12 March 2013, 1:00pm to 3:00pm  
S211 (level 2- S-block)  
Springfield: A2TR1 video link

A Tale of Three Cities (2013) is a Workshop presented by **Professor Belinda Tynan, Associate Professor Michael Sankey and Learning Systems and Support Officer Fiona Myatt** exploring recent research on 'Student Voices' supported by the Office of Learning and Teaching, research undertaken in late 2012 on USQ students' use of technologies and finally analytics on the current and expected future use of mobile for learning. The story is set in the competing cities of 'face-to-face', 'online' and 'mobile' delivery, before and during the Education Evolution. With well over 200 million online hits this story ranks among the most famous works in the history of non-fictional educational literature.

The story depicts the plight of the student peasantry demoralized by the educated aristocracy in the years leading up to the evolution, the corresponding unfettered innovation demonstrated by the revolutionaries toward the former aristocrats in the early years of the evolution, and many unflattering social parallels with life in Universities during the same time period.

It follows the lives of several protagonists through these events. The most notable being Belinda Tynan, Michael Sankey and Fiona Myatt. Tynan is a once-educational aristocrat who falls victim to the indiscriminate wrath of the evolution despite her virtuous nature, and Sankey is a dissipated Educational Technologist who endeavors to redeem his ill-spent life out of his unrequited love for technology and what it can do to facilitate student engagement. Myatt, adored by all, is the 'golden thread' that brings the story together.

The one hour fifty minute face-to-face presentation draws on research conducted by the team, across Universities and will be of interest to staff researching the use of technologies and students' perceptions of their usefulness for learning. The presentation will also be concurrently run online, will also be made available as an open education resource suitable for mobile delivery.

With apologies to Charles Dickens and Wikipedia

## Registration:

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