

# Technologies Workshops – Townsville Professional Development for Teachers

Attention: Science and Tech Coordinators / Classroom Teachers / Heads of ICT



**Introduction to Robotics: EV3:** Find out how to excite and inspire your students and discover how to integrate robotics into your curriculum. Learn practical ideas and activities to run in your classroom using the latest LEGO MINDSTORMS system and discover why robotics is fast becoming a major tool in the teaching of the Technology, Maths and Science. **\*\*No prior experience necessary!\*\***

**Beyond the Basics: EV3:** You're confident making your robot move around and react to sensor input, but looking to push your EV3 kit just a little further? In this workshop, teacher will build and program a range of different activities, from classroom attendance counters, to games to Musical Instruments, all with the standard LEGO EV3 kit. Programming topics will include Data Hubs, Wiring, Switches, Variables, Bluetooth and Datalogging.



**Introduction to Scratch Programming:** Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art. As young people create and share Scratch projects, they learn important mathematical and computational ideas. This introductory course covers the basic skills necessary to run Scratch activities within your classroom.

**\*\*No prior programming experience necessary!\*\***



**Introduction to MicroBit - Primary School:** The Microbit is a small and inexpensive programmable minicomputer that your students can use to code a variety of projects such as games and wearable technology. There is no fiddly wiring, making it suitable from middle years all the way to upper secondary schooling. This workshop will lead you through both a graphical programming language that is quick and easy to learn. Participants will get their own MicroBit to take home.

**\*\*No prior programming experience necessary!\*\***

## About the Presenter

Dr Damien Kee is an independent technology education expert, who specialises in bringing technology concepts to teachers and educators around the world. Focusing primarily on Robotics, and with a strong interest in other areas of Technology Education, he works to educate teachers on the benefits and relative ease with which technology can be embedded into their daily classroom activities.

Damien has run his popular workshops for Teachers and Students around the world and is the author of several Teacher Resource books. He has worked with The LEGO Group both as a MCP (MINDSTORMS Community Partner) as well as on the software documentation team of the recent EV3 product line. Damien is the founder and moderator of the LEGOEngineering mailing list, serving over 1000 educators who use robotics in their classroom



## Workshop Details

18<sup>th</sup> March - **Introduction to Robotics: EV3**

19<sup>th</sup> March - **Beyond the Basics: EV3**

20<sup>th</sup> March - **Intro to Scratch Programming**

21<sup>st</sup> March - **MicroBits for Primary Schools**

## Where

TBA

## Workshop Fee

\$295+GST per person per day

Workshops run from 9am – 3pm

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided

Register online at [www.domabotics.com/teacher-pd](http://www.domabotics.com/teacher-pd)

