

# MartinCollege

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

## Lecturer Profiles



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## Perth

**Ric Burkitt**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Diploma of Graphic Design

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Seven years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Arts, Curtin University of Technology
- Certificate II in Electronic Prepress
- Certificate IV Assessment & Workplace Training
- Diploma of Professional Children's Writing

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy the interaction between local and international students – the way they learn about each other as well as about Design. The students keep the classroom vibrant and interesting.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I've worked in the graphics industry since 1974, but have indulged my passion for Fine Art as well – exhibiting paintings on a regular basis.



**Kevin Burns**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Accounting and Law units in Business Studies programs

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Eight years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Communications
- Diploma of Education

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

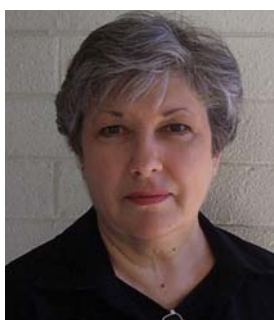
The students are friendly and staff are easy to work with.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I am a qualified CPA still practising in industry. I also tutor in second year Accounting at Curtin University.

## Perth

**Lou Board**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Graphic Design

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Eight years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Design
- Diploma Graphic Design
- Certificate Commercial Art
- Certificate 14 Assessment and Workplace Training

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

Working in the creative atmosphere of a graphic arts programme with students from a wide cultural spectrum is very exciting.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I'm a freelance design consultant with a regular client base.



**Nicki Hipgrave**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Travel and Tourism

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

18 months

**What are your Educational Qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Arts in Education (Primary)
- Certificate IV Workplace Assessment and Training
- Certificate III International Travel and Tourism
- Certificate II Hospitality Operations
- B S P Certificate
- Gallileo Certificate

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy teaching students from all over the world. I love the fact that they choose to study at Martin College, Perth – as this shows their commitment to their education and their desire to learn about a new culture at the same time.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I have taught in primary schools and as a high school specialist teacher in Australia for a number of years before moving overseas to teach in a similar capacity in the U.K. I have also worked as a domestic and international Travel Consultant in Perth as well as in England. I have worked in the business sector in the UK (insurance and section supervision). I have also worked in hospitality – supervisory roles in Australia, various parts of the UK and Italy.

## Perth



**Peter Tan**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Marketing

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Two years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Commerce, University of Western Sydney
- Graduate Diploma in Education, Edith Cowan University
- Qualified trainer in Assessment and Workplace Training

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

Students of Martin College are of diverse backgrounds. They come from many countries and bring with them a range of different languages and cultures. Having come from Asia and living in Australia for almost two decades, I can easily link Australia to their background. I can cushion the cultural shock that may affect them as well as teachers. I enjoy teaching in such a diversified group and can effectively help them to blend and understand different cultures. It is satisfying to see them responding and developing in all aspects of their skills and to ultimately succeed in life through the academic excellence of Martin College.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

Prior to teaching in Martin College, I held senior executive positions in marketing, accounting and administrative functions in different organisations and industries. I have also taught and assisted some organisations in the setting up and operation of private providers. Thus I am familiar with the different education system in Australia and Asia. In the course of my work and experience, I have had the opportunity to author a few Accounting and Economics guidebooks as well.

## Sydney



**Ebonita Deskova**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Marketing and Management courses

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

1 year

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelors Degree of Agro Economics (major Marketing)
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

The college spirit is friendly with no barriers or rigid formalities between teachers and students. Teamwork during the class is encouraged as well as usage of all facilities: library, Internet and video presentations.

Our students are local and international, with different cultural and educational backgrounds. As a teacher, I can observe how those differences impact the way they absorb, link and use the information they learn.

Usually a students first thought about school and education is – ‘Hey, I need to learn some skills to find a job!’ (preferably a well paid one!). There is no doubt that is an important role of education, but I believe that even more important is self-development, social awareness and self-confidence. When you are well educated you see yourself and the world around you from different perspective.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

In the past ten years I’ve been working as a journalist, officer, programmer and teacher.

## Sydney

**Antoinette Haddad**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

- Integrated Business Applications
- IT modules such as: Helpdesk, Client Team Relations, Web Page Authoring, Project Management
- Various Business modules

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Nine years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelors Degree in Adult Education (Major in Adult Education, Sub-Major in Business Communications), Charles Sturt University
- Diploma in Business Administration, CESA
- Diploma in Information Technology
- Teacher's Certificate in Word Processing, CESA
- Teacher's Certificate in Shorthand, TAFE

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy the friendliness of all staff, cultural diversity of our students, sharing with and imparting knowledge to students and the opportunity to be part of their learning experience. It's satisfying to interact with students at different levels and assist them to achieve their learning goal.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

- 15 years training experience
- Developed various course materials relating to my area of expertise
- Corporate training and understanding of business needs and training issues
- Seven years of industry experience relating to Business/Office Administration
- Taught various subjects on part-time basis at TAFE and Community Colleges.



**Dellwynne Harkess**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Business and Travel & Tourism

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

18 months

**What are your educational qualifications?**

Fares/Galileo/Sales/Service  
Workplace IV Training and Assessment

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy being part of the process involved in students' academic achievements and competencies; not only at the classroom but watching confidence grow through mutual trust, total communication and understanding.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

24 years experience in Travel and Tourism.

## Sydney

**Jill Carter-Hansen**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

- Drawing
- Graphic Design 1
- Professional Practice 1
- Typography 1 & 2
- Visualisation Techniques
- Design Concept and Principles

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Eight years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- MA (Hons) FineArts, University of Western Sydney (Nepean)
- BFA (Photography and Printmaking), Auckland University
- Diploma of Design
- Certificate in Animation (TAFE)
- Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy the multicultural mix of students and the professionalism of Martin College.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

- Casual and part time lecturing at a number of other Tertiary Institutes
- Writing and illustrating children's books
- Writing/ directing/ animation of three films
- Freelance illustration and design work for advertising and editorial
- Design and production of posters.



**Kevin Madigan**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

- Digital Pre-Press
- Print Methods
- Computer Graphics 1 & 2
- Web Design 1 & 2
- Multimedia Design
- Photo Imaging
- Graphic Design 3

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Three years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Visual Communication (Honours), UTS
- Diploma of Graphic Design, Billy Blue
- Certificate IV of Assessment and Workplace Training

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

Simply, I enjoy the courses, the students and the teachers!

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I have a design company called "Smartpants". Clients have included IBM, Castrol, BHP, UTS and Evocatif.

## Brisbane

**Geoff Packwood**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Business, Management and Events

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

Eight years

**What are your Educational Qualifications?**

- Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training
- Diploma of Hospitality Management
- Currently undertaking a Bachelor of Further Education and Training

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

Teaching at Martin College is always rewarding and each group of new students brings with them a new challenge. As a Martin College Director of Studies, I need to apply a very wide range of management skills on a daily basis.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I have had 20 years experience in the hospitality industry at a management level, including hotels, resorts, retail and my own restaurant for six years.

**Elizabeth Pacey**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

- Travel & Tourism component of the Diploma of Business (Travel)
- Commerce subjects including Filing, Mailing, Supervision, Research and Reporting.

**How long have you been at Martin College?**

12 years

**What are your Educational Qualifications?**

- Diploma of Travel/Tourism
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training
- Certificate in RPL Assessor

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I love the interaction with the students – especially being involved in the interaction between local and overseas students, as they learn each others cultures.

I always enter a class room with the attitude that there will be more teachers than students. I obtain more of an education from the students, then they ever do from me.

I love being in the class room, especially when I am teaching Travel!

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I worked for 25 years in the Airline Industry prior to commencing at Martin College. I worked in Administration, Call-Centre, Airport Check-in, Groups and Conventions and International Travel.

I also was a Staff Trainer in the Airlines, training Front-line staff (Airport check-in), and Reservations staff (Call-Centre).

## Brisbane

### Helen Australis Peake



#### What do you teach at Martin College?

Commerce Department – Subjects in Diploma of Business Administration/Certificate IV Courses including: Workplace Communication; Mailing/Filing; Business Environment; Teamwork; Use of Business Equipment.

I also instruct the Trainees in various training packages to complete their Certificates III and IV in conjunction with on-the-job training.

#### How long have you been at Martin College?

11 years

#### What are your educational qualifications?

- Diploma of Business (Administration)
- Certificate IV Workplace Training & Assessment
- Certificate of Business Studies/Travel
- Pitman's Shorthand Teacher's Diploma

#### What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?

The diversity of cultures and ages of the students ensure that every class is different – it is like teaching each one for the first time.

With the nature of the trainee classroom being one-on-one instruction, workplace discussion takes place and I am able to keep up with current work practices and technology.

What really keeps me interested is the knowledge that I have had an input in giving these young men and women the skills and qualifications to be able to interact in today's business world.

#### What additional work experience have you had?

- Two years secretary to the sales manager at Castrol Oil Co
- Two years shorthand teacher at Stott's Business College
- 25 years assistant manager in retail.



### Freda (Fred) Stamatiou

#### What do you teach at Martin College?

- Touch Typing
- Speed and Accuracy
- Produce Business Documents

#### How long have you been at Martin College?

On and off for 16 years

#### What are your educational qualifications?

- Diploma Secretarial Studies
- Associate Diploma Administration
- CESA (Commercial Education Society of Australia) Teachers Certificate
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment
- Certificate in Staff Training and Development

#### What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?

Watching students grow into skilled and confident professionals.

To be able to use my motivating, encouraging and vivacious teaching methods, which enables the students achieve to the best of their abilities.

Working as part of a team as I feel it is important to make any working environment successful.

#### What additional work experience have you had?

- Hospitality (Reception and Administration) 1988
- Suncorp Metway Townsville 1997

## Brisbane

## Parramatta

**Michael McLaughlin**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**  
Travel and IT

**How long have you been at Martin College?**  
Two and a half years

**What are your educational qualifications?**  
 Diploma of Travel  
 Diploma of IT

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**  
Ni hao!, Bon jour!, Ohayo gozaimaz!, Bom dia!, God morgon!

These are just a few ways our students say "Good Morning". This is what I love about teaching at Martin College; the fact that we have so many students from different nationalities studying here. Also I love learning about our students countries and cultures.

**What additional work experience have you had?**  
I have previously worked in the Airline industry for a number of years, and just before joining Martin College, I worked in Corporate Finance and the Stockbroking industry both here and in London.



**Derrick Pereira**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**  
Computing

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**  
Five years

**What are your educational qualifications?**  
 Certificate IV in Business Assessment and Training  
 Teachers Training Certificate

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**  
We have a fantastic Principal, closeness amongst staff and we are vocationally oriented.

**What additional work experience have you had?**  
I have been teaching for 40 years both in Bombay, India and Australia. I have taught a whole range of subjects over the years: shorthand, typing, office procedures etc.

## Parramatta

**Wendy McDermott**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

- Advanced Diploma of Business
- Events
- Marketing

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**

One year

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Diploma of Teaching
- Bachelor of Education
- Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment & Training
- Various management qualifications

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy being at a smaller campus with a diversity of students. We are very “community” based; you get to know students well which enables us, through the teaching process, to bring out their potential.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

Extensive practical and consultancy experience in developing training and seminar programs delivered within human resources, workplace environment and work communication. I have experience in developing marketing, media and events across various business networks.



**Helen Smith**

**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Diploma of Business (Legal Services) – all business and legal units. I also assist in the graduate placement of our students upon completion of their courses.

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**

13 years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment
- Diploma of Business (Legal Services)
- Diploma of Business (Executive Secretary)

I am currently enrolled in a post graduate certificate in career education.

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I thoroughly enjoy being part of the student's development, particularly their growth from school leaver to the workplace.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I have 20 years experience in support roles in the legal industry and 15 years part time experience in tutoring/facilitating in business, legal, retail and office skills courses.

## Parramatta

**Lisa Hamer**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**  
Diploma of Business (Executive Secretarial)

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**  
Two years

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Diploma of Teaching
- Diploma of Business (Executive Secretarial)
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

It would definitely be the interaction with students and seeing their personal development and realising their career aspirations. I also enjoy being part of a team of dedicated staff members.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I've had 11 years as a secretary in a legal office and 11 years as a personal assistant at a radio station. I have teaching experience in NSW, SA and QLD in TAFE, skillshare and private colleges. I have also taught business subjects, shorthand as well as some corporate training.

**James O'Kelly**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**  
Financial management, marketing research, report on financial activity

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**  
Three months

**What are your educational qualifications?**

- Bachelor of Business Management
- Graduate Diploma of Education (secondary)
- Certificate IV in Applied Business Studies
- Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessor
- Certificate IV in Small Business Management

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

The warm and friendly atmosphere which permeates the administration, teaching staff and students on campus.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

18 years corporate industry experience.

## Gold Coast

**Beth Ulhzofer**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Advanced Diploma of Business Management. My subjects are marketing, management, human resources and legal studies.

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**

One year

**What are your educational qualifications?**

I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Australian National University and the Diploma of Education from the University of Sydney. I am a qualified speech teacher and a member of the Queensland Speech and Drama Association. As a mature age student, I completed an Associate degree of Law with Southern Cross University. I hold the Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment.

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

I enjoy teaching the Advanced Diploma Business subjects at Gold Coast campus.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

My experience as an English instructor for international students helps me greatly to assist international business students with core subjects.

**Sas Mihindu**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Information Technology

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**

One year

**What are your educational qualifications?**

I have completed a MSc at the University of Surrey, postgraduate research and a Graduate Degree at Griffith University, and training qualification update with Martin College. I am currently studying for my second Masters in Aviation Management from the University of Newcastle and hope to acquire CPL through a third provider.

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

We at Martin College would like to provide the best career pathway programs to students from all over the world. I have noticed some international students join us just to extend their language skills but at end of the course they have confidently joined our diploma programmes where after completion they further study directly from the second year of university degree courses.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

I have been in the IT industry since early 80's. I have held many interesting positions in Sri Lanka, UK and in Australia.

Presently, I am working as the Head of Information Technology for the Gold Coast Campus of Martin College, and as a visiting lecturer for the Gold Coast International Campus of Central Queensland University. Previously I have worked for the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE for 10 years, assisted establishing Multimedia and e-commerce Courses and Laboratories and worked for Griffith University and have assisted establishing MIS programmes for School of Engineering and Applied Science. I have worked in the similar capacity in UK attached to leading colleges and organisations in early 90's.

## Gold Coast

**Diana Ryan**



**What do you teach at Martin College?**

Events Management

**How long have you been teaching at Martin College?**

Six years

**What do you enjoy about teaching at Martin College?**

Using my broad range of knowledge and skills, to offer our students current insights into this continuously-changing industry. Communicating my experiences and expertise in an enjoyable and realistic teaching environment.

With my extensive industry and teaching experience, I appreciate the opportunity to convey my knowledge and enthusiasm to the students and instill a professional work ethic required for the business environment.

Events Management is fast becoming an integral part of our global arena, particularly on the Gold Coast. With world standards continually escalating, I liaise with industry professionals to keep abreast of current expertise. I include a variety of site visits, guest speakers and practical applications to my teaching allowing students a realistic insight into their chosen careers.

**What additional work experience have you had?**

My experience includes 14 years working for Thai International Airlines, and continued into retail travel. In addition, I have travelled extensively throughout the world and appreciated the varied customs, cultures and lifestyles of the globe.