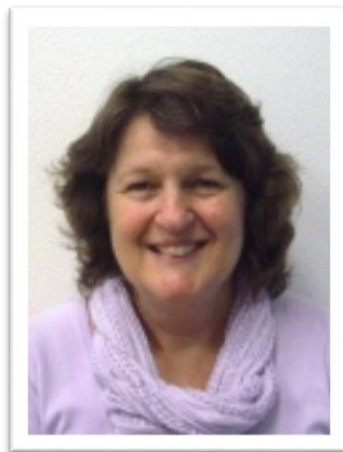


Bio...Dr Prue Millear:

- In 1983, **Prue** graduated from the University of New England with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Honours) and worked in rural enterprises in NSW and in business in Queensland before returning to tertiary study in 2003.
- Prue graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Psychology (2004), Bachelor in Psychology (Honours) (2005) and PhD from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) (2010).
- **Dr Prue Millear** became Research Fellow in 2010 for the E4Kids Project, about the social and cognitive development of pre-prep children, under the leadership of Professor Karen Thorpe at QUT.
- Dr Millear and Professor Thorpe are developing another project into the occupational demands that early childhood staff face and to understand what motivates individuals to work with children.
- Dr Millear is also undertaking research in the reasons for taking a Seachange and Treechange, how practice examinations help students become better judges of their actual exam performance, and how parents negotiate their shared childcare with their work.

Underpinning these projects is the belief that each person is actively involved in constructing their own lives. Individuals face many challenges, to balance their work and study, family responsibilities and other interests. Current and future research will explore the connections between each of these areas and how the characteristics of the person drive their experiences and behaviours.

- Dr Prue Millear joined USC as a lecturer in Psychology in early 2011 after tutoring and lecturing at QUT. This is an exciting time to be at USC, as student numbers are increasing and the University is expanding its research alongside its excellent teaching record.



Dr Prue Millear: author of 'The Benefits of a Light Heart'