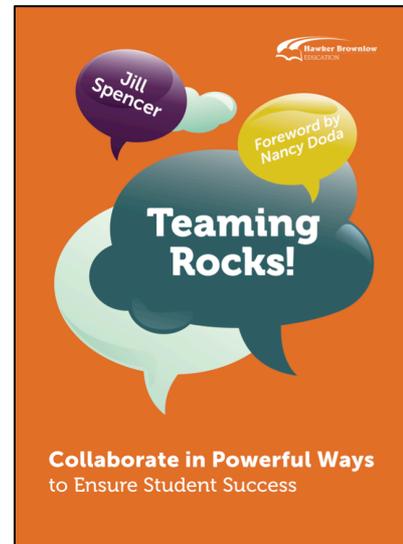


Teaming Rocks! Collaborate in Powerful Ways to Ensure Student Success

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Summary

Teaching teams have been the hallmark of the modern middle years school. Over more than three decades, effective teams have been associated with increased personalisation, reduction in bullying, improved job satisfaction, a reduction in school discipline problems, superior parent involvement and significantly improved student learning. But in spite of supportive research data and widely successful practice, schools are struggling to maintain teaching teams.

Master teacher Jill Spencer, who has “been there and done that”, gives teams a vast array of practical ideas, strategies and imaginative activities to help teams collaborate on:

- building a genuine community of real thinkers
- implementing curriculum integration
- developing 21st Century skills in their students
- connecting classrooms to the world via the internet
- taking the lead in the digital revolution
- working smarter instead of harder
- using a cross-curricular literacy approach
- modelling the values and norms of the team.

Jill has been an advocate for teaming throughout her 30-year career as a middle years teacher, team member and team leader. She has seen firsthand the great benefits for students and teachers when team members work together to develop engaging and challenging interdisciplinary units, coordinate practices and policies, and forge strong partnerships with families.

Supporting Resources

- *Creating Effective Teams: A Guide for Members and Leaders, 4th Edition* (SA3559)
- *Everyone's Invited: Interactive Strategies That Engage Young Adolescents* (NM9199)
- *Leading Effective Meetings, Teams & Work Groups in Districts & Schools* (107088)