Professor Ian Bofinger

Professor Ian Bofinger has had a diverse career in music, combining his background in performance (violoncello solo, chamber music and orchestral), management and blended learning education design.

Ian commenced his professional career as a Lecturer in ‘Cello at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music (Griffith University) in 1998, whilst working with the Queensland Symphony and Queensland Philharmonic Orchestras.

In 1991, Ian moved to the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music where he ultimately became Deputy Director (2002-2005) and foundation ‘cellist of the Lyrebird Trio. During this time he completed his Doctoral Studies where he co-founded (with Greg Whateley) Australia’s first ‘Virtual Conservatorium’.

In 2005, Ian relocated to Sydney to take up the position of Deputy Dean and Head, Academic Studies and Information Services at the Australian Institute of Music (AiM). The original requirements of this position at AiM were to update three of the weakest and maligned areas at the Institute – Academic Studies, Information Technology and the Library.

The opportunity to step outside of the music discipline came in early 2009 when Ian became Manager, TEL (Technology Enhanced Learning) at the University of Western Sydney College.

Later in 2009, Ian returned to the Australian Institute of Music to take up his current position as Executive Dean. In these past 4 years, Ian has been instrumental in the rapid growth and development of AiM to become the largest music school in the southern hemisphere. In this time, AiM has more than doubled its campus size, income and student numbers. Ian is currently developing a second major campus of AiM, which will be operating in the CBD of Melbourne at the beginning of 2014.