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Originally training as a high school music teacher, Michael retrained as a teacher of the Deaf after discovering that being a deaf High School Music Teacher was not a great career-move.

Michael is a great fan of making the most of a wide range of technology in supporting children with a hearing impairment. A self-proclaimed 'geek', he enjoys sharing his knowledge of technology with others and has presented at numerous conferences and workshops around Australia and abroad including:

- 2012 & 2014 – *Spectronics: Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference*, Gold Coast
- 2013 – Workshops with the Tasmanian Education Department Teachers of the Deaf
- 2014 - Critical Agendas – *Teaching Students with Special Needs Conference*, Sydney
- 2014 & 2015 *Learning Differences Convention – Rosehill Gardens Race course*
- 2015 - *NDIS National Conference - Apple's Accessible iHouse*
- 2017 - *ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) Florida, USA Conference*

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