Connections: Cognition, emotion and reflection for learning in higher education

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Reflection for learning is an embedded pedagogical practice across many subjects and many higher education institutions. Both the practice and documentation of reflection for learning has traditionally maintained a cognitive focus, as exemplified through a reliance on text-based journaling. Historically, this can be explained by the impact on the field of education by the seminal work of Bloom and colleagues (1956) on the cognitive domain. In turn, existing taxonomies of reflection have also focused on the cognitive domain.

Coding of student reflective texts (n=760) from four sites (Australia, Denmark, Hong Kong and South Korea) presented a conundrum as student engagement with reflective practice was not constrained to a cognitive process only. Evidence of the engagement of the affective domain was apparent and could not be ignored. It was necessary to delve into the history of emotion and revisit the companion handbook, to Bloom’s first volume, which focused on the affective domain (Krathwohl, Bloom & Masia, 1964). With recognition of the role of emotion in reflection for learning, the taxonomy developed by Krathwohl, Bloom and Masia provided a foundation for developing and empirically testing a new dual-coding ‘emo-cog’ taxonomy. The ‘emo-cog’ taxonomy is introduced together with a discussion of its application for analysing the relative contribution of cognition and of emotion to student reflection for learning.

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Biographies
**Dr Marina Harvey** is an OLT National Teaching Fellow, Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and 2015 OLT Citation awardee for outstanding contributions to student learning. Her Participatory Action Research into Reflection for Learning, Sessional Staff Standards (BLASST.edu.au), Distributed Leadership ([https://emedia.rmit.edu.au/distributedleadership/](https://emedia.rmit.edu.au/distributedleadership/)) and Assessment is underpinned by reflective and mindful practice.

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