

A place to create, cook and celebrate!

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"Cooking can be easy, but only when you know how to do it."

Celebrated cook Tonya Jennings shares her passion for food and cooking with participants from around the world at her 'On the Ridge Cooking School' near Mapleton.

This vibrant and engaging professional cook leads participants through an array of delectable dishes, in her modern school which overlooks a stunning rural and coastal panorama.

Trained in Melbourne, Tonya had a long held dream to run her own cooking school. In 2002 she found the perfect place along the beautiful Kureelpa Ridge.

Tonya has enjoyed teaching business groups, special celebrations such as birthdays, pre-wedding and anniversaries, students and family groups. She enthusiastically shares



"Our team (Tonya centre) makes sure everyone has a good time!"

her knowledge, experience and ideas along with interesting foodie hints, tips and musings.

Whilst the theme of the classes varies from French to Mediterranean, Seafood to Vegetarian, Tonya said her most popular class is 'A Slice of the Hinterland.'

"It's an opportunity to showcase some of the delightful local produce... macadamias, avocados, tomatoes, cheese and our special locally produced oils.

"Our gastronomic philosophy is to

cook fresh locally produced food in season, to cook for taste and to cook food simply, enhancing the natural flavours so the food looks and tastes delicious."

Participants prepare and cook modern Australian dishes. Tonya's team waits on them with delicious morning tea treats,



cocktails and nibbles. The participants are served their entrees, mains and desserts 'at the table' with local wines to celebrate their cooking day.

"Learning to cook well, will give you confidence and presence in the kitchen and at the table. It will save you time and money, improve your health and reduce dinner time stress. As we are all going to eat three times a day for the rest of our lives, it is important to learn about food and cooking, discover your culinary skills and enjoy your cooking experience."

Treat your mother or daughter for Mother's Day by booking into a class together!

■ For information on both private and advertised classes and forthcoming culinary tours to France phone 5441 3715 or visit www.ontheridge.com.au

Classes are held indoors and out