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**THE COURSE**

**Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March
2nd April, 9th April 2014

During the first six week session, the class will work through the *Physics* in manageable portions.

Although preparatory material will be given, the major activity of the class will be reflecting through structured discussion on weekly set readings. Students can expect to achieve a basic knowledge of Aristotle’s natural philosophy.

A second session after Easter will continue the examination of Aristotle’s various physical works. Students may choose to undertake one or both sessions.

**THE TEXT**

The *Physics* is Aristotle’s first and most substantial work of natural philosophy and so establishes many of the principles and directions of his philosophy.

What is nature and what things are natural? How do we account for change, motion, space and time? How is causality to be understood and how close can we get to recognising at least the existence of a first cause? Other works of physics deal with heavenly bodies, generation and corruption and the nature of weather.

Selected readings will enable the class first to grapple with fundamental principles and then to expand into other areas.

**THE TEACHER**

**Andrew Murray** has lectured at the Catholic Institute of Sydney in philosophy since 1992. He has interests in the history of philosophy particularly Aristotle and political philosophy.

**FEES**

Tuition fee is $120 each session, and there is a 10% discount available for Members of the Friends of the Veech Library.

A booklet of readings will be supplied at minimal cost. In addition, it is recommended that students purchase the Oxford World's Classics edition of the *Physics* translated by David Bostock and Robin Waterfield, which is available from Abbey's Bookshop.

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