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Overview

The Wellbeing for Future-Focused Schools Conference focuses on enhancing the wellbeing of teachers & students, addressing mental health support, and promoting resilience and emotional intelligence for better academic and social outcomes.

Target Audience:

The target audience includes those in leadership roles, wellbeing coordinators, learning support, welfare coordinators and classroom teachers —educators dedicated to enhancing the wellbeing of both teachers and students, developing impactful wellbeing programs, and fostering a healthy, balanced school environment.

Tickets

Choose from one or two day ticket options. Tickets include arrival tea/coffee, morning tea, buffet lunch and a Certificate of Attendance (mapped to APST).

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Enhancing school wellbeing through better conflict management



Peter Johnstone,
Manager,
Principal Hotline & Conflict Resolution



Brett Shackleton,
School Supervisor, Metropolitan South
Region, Department of Education
Queensland

Overwhelm to empowerment: Practical strategies for educators



Victoria Psaltis,
Support Unit Coordinator,
Guided Growth Coaching

Wellbeing and literacy – so what's the link?



Ros Lugg,
CEO,
StepsWeb

A School Wellbeing Operating System for Sustainable Success



Justin Robinson
Director,
The Wellbeing Distillery

A creative way to wellbeing



Dr Susan McLaine,
Director,
Bibliotherapy Australia

Empowering educators: Strategic approaches to enhancing teacher wellbeing and retention



Maree Comerford,
Program Leader Staff Development,
St Joseph's College Toowoomba



Brendon Willocks,
Deputy Principal,
St Joseph's College Toowoomba

Holistic wellbeing - educators, learners and the community



Mariam Zeitounieh Bernard,
Deputy Principal,
Unity Grammar

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Strategies for educator well-being in the real world



Andrew Oberthur,
Principal,
St Columba's Wilston

Unlocking student communication: The key to teacher wellbeing



Janet Schneider,
Head of Languages



Lucy Gray,
Head Of Junior English
And Humanities



Michelle Scott,
Experienced Senior Teacher of
Languages,
Brisbane State High School

Who cares for the carers?



Andrew Murray,
Former Principal,
Lumina Consulting

Creative wellbeing



Leah Grant,
Artist and Educator,
SA

MAKERSPACE: Care, collaborate, create



Michelle Jenkins, PhD candidate,
School of Creative Industries;
The University of Newcastle

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Overview

School libraries have emerged as dynamic hubs of learning, encompassing literacy and reading, AI integration, digital literacy and citizenship. Strategic leadership is vital in shaping library spaces, collections and initiatives that align with the evolving needs and well-being of students and educators.

The conference will focus on these major streams: Literacy and Reading, AI and Digital Literacy and Leadership and Strategic Direction.

Target Audience:

This conference is best suited to innovative classroom teachers, teacher librarians and those on the executive looking to build capacity at a school level or within the individual classroom.

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CAPACITY BUILDING SCHOOL LIBRARIES CONFERENCE



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Learning with information fluency: Strategies for educators



June Wall,
Digital Educator

School Library Professionals as Leaders: Claiming Your Place at the Leadership Table



Dr Kay Oddone,
Course Director and Lecturer,
Charles Sturt University

Paw-sitive reading: How dogs can help struggling readers thrive



Melissa Smith, Doctor of Education
student (teacher for 18 years), Central
Queensland University

Using AI with integrity for creative writing



Helen Velikans, Learning Resource
Support, Catholic College
WodongaStepsWeb

Forum discussion: The role of AI in the school library: Enhancing digital literacy, promoting academic integrity, and reducing workload



Karen Bonanno,
Eduwebinaration

Reading between the lines



Trish Templeton,
Assistant Head of Innovation,
St Laurence's College

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Empowering Education: Deep Learning Framework and AI integration for future-ready classrooms



Virginia Catharine Hand, Teacher
Librarian, Shellharbour Anglican
College

Researching in a modern high school library



Andrew Downie,
Teacher Librarian,
Fairfield High School

Inspiring interventions



Mali Jorm,
Head of Libraries,
Bacchus Marsh Grammar



Revolutionizing Library Learning: Embedding VR into School Libraries for the Future

Cythia Nolan,
Career Expert and educator



Mark Honnibal,
Mindflight7 VR coordinator



Rike Browning,
QLD Experience Director
Mindflight7 Team

The power of popularity: Leveraging the perceived ethos of popular students and student leaders to positively influence the reading habits of their peers



Jason Saikaly,
Head of Libraries and Information
Services, The Southport School

Panel: Leading for impact: Strategic planning and school libraries in action



Karen Bonanno,
Eduwebinar

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Overview

The AI in the Classroom Conference examines how AI can transform Australian education by personalising learning and improving teaching, while addressing ethical issues, access, and teacher training.

Target Audience:

This conference is tailored for school leaders, curriculum coordinators, specialist educators, and classroom teachers looking to harness AI tools to personalize learning, streamline teaching practices, and prepare students for a technology-driven future while addressing ethical considerations and equitable access.

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AI IN THE CLASSROOM

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An AI odyssey – Navigating the future of education



Brett Salakas, HP Education
Ambassador for Australia and New Zealand

Student motivation to engage in generative AI in their learning



Georgia Wignall,
Senior Education Officer – Pedagogy & Curriculum, Metro South Region,
Queensland Department of Education



Emma Hart,
Head of Humanities,
Balmoral State High School

Transformational synergy between human intelligence and artificial intelligence in education



Dr Nikolaos Bogiannidis,
Director of Digital Learning,
St John's College, Preston

From Fear to Fluency: Change Management for School AI Implementation



Kerry Daud, Head of Faculty –
Digital Innovation and Design,
St Margaret's Anglican Girls School

Harnessing chatbots: An innovative resource for igniting planning and dynamic learning engagements



Nina Manning,
Dean of Pedagogy
(Primary)



Candace Neville,
Head Of Digital Integration And
Innovation, John Paul College

Enhancing learning with personalised AI chatbots: Checking for understanding and generating feedback



Jane Martens,
Head of Digital Pedagogy and
Innovation, Mount Alvernia College

Microsoft - Everything AI for your classroom



Travis Smith,
Education Industry Lead,
Microsoft Australia

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Implementing AI-powered adaptive learning systems for personalized education in K-12



Pavana Kiranmai Chepuri,
Chief of Staff and Head of Strategic
Initiatives & Growth,
Woxsen University

Teaching in the Age of Bots: Harnessing AI and Podcasts for Learning



Jayne Schinckel,
Digital Learning Learning Specialist/
Senior Teacher, St Hilda's School

Unlocking learning potential via AI-infused pedagogy



Vince Wall,
AI for Teaching and Learning Project
Leader, All Hallows' School

A fork in the road: Avoiding adversarial approaches to artificial intelligence



Ryan Elwell, Director, Digital
Pedagogies and Online Safety
Education, ACT Education Directorate

AI: Effect on education and our future workforce. Message from the chalk face



Dr Ken Silburn,
STEM Ambassador,
Science and Technology Australia

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The Diverse Learners Symposium will provide educators with practical strategies to create inclusive classrooms, support student diversity, and manage behaviour while addressing students' needs.

Target Audience:

The target audience includes diverse learning leaders, teachers, support staff, classroom and specialist teachers—educators who are committed to fostering inclusive, supportive learning environments and addressing the diverse needs of their students to ensure their success and wellbeing at every stage of learning.

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DIVERSE LEARNERS SYMPOSIUM

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Thrive vs. survive: Neurodivergent students and the human perspective



Kate Foster,
Author and Speaker

Inclusive classrooms



Michelle Ralston,
Lecturer,
Avondale University

Students as partners in the curriculum: Leveraging student voice to create inclusive classrooms



Dr Nattalia Godbold,
Science and Technologies Teacher, The
Lakes College

Building inclusive classrooms through neuroaffirming strategies and communication supports for diverse learners



Melissa Torres,
Senior Occupational Therapist



Emily Rendell,
Senior Physiotherapist & Clinical
Placement Officer



Chloe (sueun) Lee,
Senior Speech & Language Pathologist



Thomas Reynolds,
Senior Speech Pathologist,
Mancel College

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Demystifying Dyslexia: What Every Teacher Should Know



Kate Watt,
Director,
Dyslexia Orton-Gillingham Institute
Australia

Literacy instruction for struggling readers



Annie Khoury,
Teacher,
Matthew Flinders Anglican College

Living, Raising and Teaching on the Spectrum



Adrian Wilkinson,
Assistant Principal ELearning &
Innovation,
St Peter Claver College

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Top of the class - learn how to ace your super



*Brett Hawkins,
Super Specialist,
NGS Super*

10:00 - 10:30am

Future-proofing youth: Mastering enterprise skills for the evolving workforce



*Jigna Desai,
Head of Programmes,
The King's Trust Australia*

10:45 - 11:15am

What needs to be done to arrest the rate of student suicide in response to online trauma



*Jean Yates,
Director of Education,
Cybernetic Shield*

11:30 - 12:00pm

FACED Leadership



*Lisa Kelliher,
Head of People and Culture,
Be Challenged*

12:30 - 1:00pm

Understand the neurological aspects of literacy development



*Ros Lugg,
Educational psychologist &
Dyslexia specialist, StepsWeb*

1:15 - 1:45pm

Ganbina: Australia's most successful school-to-work program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people



*Anthony Cavanagh,
CEO,
Ganbina*

2:00 - 2:30pm

Hologram Zoo - 3D Presentation



*Bruce Dell,
CEO,
Axiom Holographics*

2:45 - 3:15pm

Student engagement for the future- it's all about pedagogy!



*Dr David W Cramb, School Principal,
School and Regional Reviews (SRR),
Department of Education*

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How AI, neuroscience, and the science of writing can transform student performance



*Dr Ian Hunter,
Company Founder,
Writer's Toolbox*

10:00 - 10:30am

Eco sustainability & wellness on school camps



*Nicole Alder,
Business Development Executive,
Trailblazer Tours School Camps*

10:45 - 11:15am

A performance and professional growth framework for schools



*Kim Nuske,
Teacher & ATAPS Facilitator,
Australian Teacher Aide*

11:30 - 12:00pm

Australia's financial literacy epidemic: How financial education can enhance student wellness



*James Adcock,
Partnership Impact Director,
Future Finances*

12:30 - 1:00pm

Classroom Success Plan



*Ash Curmi,
Teacher and Digital Creator,
Education Queensland*

1:15 - 1:45pm

Securing a student pipeline to address worker shortages in the mining industry



*Liza Forbes,
University of Queensland*

2:00 - 2:30pm

Not all classrooms need four walls



*Darren Rackemann,
Head of 5 - 12,
Hillcrest Christian College*

2:45 - 3:15pm

Solving the Skills Gap in Australian Schools



*Mark Harrison,
Regional Sales Director,
ELMO Software*

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Cultivating a positive and professional staff culture.

Maree Comerford, Program Leader Staff Development, St Joseph's College Toowoomba

The challenges facing the teacher workforce are intensifying, with factors such as workload, recognition, and classroom conditions impacting teacher wellbeing and, consequently, retention within the profession.

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Paw-sitive reading: How dogs can help struggling readers thrive.

Melissa Smith, Doctor of Education student (teacher for 18 years), Central Queensland University

Pair struggling readers with a human volunteer and dog team, offering a calm, reassuring space to practice reading aloud.

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Prioritising neurodivergent voices.

Kate Foster, Author and Speaker

Understanding what neurodivergent really means, how it differs from person to person, and how individuals can be helped and accommodated in social settings to feel properly included is steadily growing.

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From Student Voice to Student Partnership.

Nattalia Godbold, Science and Technologies Teacher, The Lakes College

Inclusive education requires shifting from traditional models of education to collaborative models where students are active partners in shaping their learning experiences.

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Ganbina: Australia's most successful school-to-work program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

This article explores Ganbina's approach, its impact on communities, and its role in shaping a brighter future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people.

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Wellbeing strategies for overwhelmed school principals.

Andrew Murray, former Principal and Director, Lumina Consulting

The pressures on school leaders are immense: growing workloads, staff and student fatigue, high-stakes decisions, and endless external demands.

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