



SAOU

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
ONAFHANKLIKE SKOLE

MINI-SUMMIT
MINI-BERAAD

Built to Last:
Strategic, Resilient, Future Ready

Gebou om te Hou:
Strategies, Veerkragtig, Toekomsgerig

2026-05-21
2026-05-22

SAOU
Garsfontein, Pretoria



Programme: Day 1

07:00 – 08:00	Arrival & Registration
08:00 – 08:10	FEDSAS & SAOU Welcome & Opening
08:10 – 09:10	Dr Jaco Deacon What Makes a Great School Great: Leadership, Governance and Culture
09:10 – 10:10	Paul Sauer Independent Schools as Key Role Players in Sustainability
10:10 – 10:40	Tea Break
10:40 – 11:40	Dr Anke de Beer Cell Phones in Schools: Policy, Discipline and Digital Wellbeing
11:40 – 12:40	Riaan van der Bergh Artificial Intelligence in Education: Opportunity, Risk or Strategic Advantage?
12:40 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Natalie Gröss Teacher Wellbeing and Sustainable Leadership
14:30 – 15:30	Session A and B: Strategic Leadership Breakaway Sessions (Concurrent) Session A (English) & Session B (Afrikaans) Ben Ferreira Strategic Planning for School Leaders: From Vision to Implementation Saskia Meijer Die bou van skoolkultuur wat hou
15:30 – 16:30	Session C and D: Strategic Leadership Breakaway Sessions (Concurrent) Session C (Afrikaans) & Session D (English) Ben Ferreira Strategiese Bepanning vir Skole: Van Visie na Implementering Neil Malherbe Find Your Why: Purpose-Driven Leadership for School Communities

Programme: Day 2

07:00 – 08:00	Arrival & Registration
08:00 – 08:10	Opening & Overview of the Day
08:10 – 09:00	Dr Juané van der Merwe-Mocke The Role and Responsibilities of Independent Schools
09:00 – 09:45	Ella Mokgalane (SACE) Strengthening Professionalism and Ethical Leadership
09:45 – 10:30	Daan Potgieter Die Skool as Gemeenskap: Meer as net 'n Instansie
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break
11:00 – 11:45	Daniëlla van Heerden Your School and the Media: Managing Reputation
11:45 – 12:30	Department of Basic Education Strengthening the Partnership: Independent Schools and the DBE
12:30 – 13:30	Joyce Ras Van Bestuur na Leierskap: Hoe om 'n Kultuur van Aanpasbaarheid en Prestasie Skep
13:30 – 14:30	Closure & Lunch

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