

AISNSW EDUCATION RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2025

Contextual Insights

30 - 31 October, 2025 ♀ AISNSW Conference Centre

Day 1

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9:00am - 9:20am	Welcome to Country and Introduction					
9:20am - 10:15am	Opening Keynote Professor Kevin Lowe, Scientia Professor, Chief Investigator, Culturally Nourishing Schooling, University of New South Wales					
10:15am - 10:30am	Navigating Indigenous Cultural Responsiveness in Teacher Education: Reflections from Research and Implementation Dr Justine Grogan, Senior Advisor - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, AITSL					
10:30am- 11:00am	MORNING TEA					
Workshops	Conference Room A	Conference Room A Conference Room B Conference Room C Conference Room L				
11:00am - 11:45am	Supporting Dialogic Learning With and Through Technology - Engaging AI as a Design Coach	From Spark to System: Cultivating Changemakers Through Schoolwide Innovation and Enterprise	Utilising the Full Scope of Evidence in Education	An Exploration of Women's Leadership Experiences and Development		
	Dr Eva Vass Senior Lecturer, Western Sydney University (WSU) Kevin Jones Design and Technology Teacher, Barker College	Liz Green Innovation and Entrepreneurial Learning Strategist, Redlands	Dr Nikki Brunker Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney Dr Virginia Moller Casual Academic, University of Sydney Michelle Hostrup Casual Academic, University of Sydney	Nicky Bourgeois PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle Professor Susan Ledger Pro Vice Chancellor Student Experience, University of Newcastle Associate Professor Jess Harris Associate Professor, University of Newcastle		
11:50am - 12:35pm	Repeated	Repeated	Repeated	Repeated		
Lightning Talks	Conference Room A	Conference Room B	Conference Room C	Conference Room D		
12:40pm - 12:55pm	We Teach Who We Are. And Who We Are Shapes What We Do	Writing to Read: Enhancing Analytical Skills Through Creative Writing in Secondary Education	It's Not All Fun and Games: Doing Drama in the English Classroom	Pain Smart: Bringing Pain Education to the Classroom		
	Dr Ari Pinar Research Academic, Epoch Consultancy	Hannah Thomas Director of Professional Learning, Cranbrook School	Emily Kaufling Head of Drama, Sydney Grammar School	Isabelle Bogard PhD Candidate, University of Sydney		
12:55pm - 1:10pm	Understanding the Impact of AI Tutors on Student Engagement and Learning Outcomes in Real-World Classrooms	To What Extent do Modified Assessments Impact Student Performance and Understanding in Stage 4 Mathematics	From Research to Practice: Arriving at the use of pedagogical translanguaging as an approach to support refugee students in the History classroom	Nourishing Educators: The Impact of Food and Nutrition on Teacher Burnout and Wellbeing		
	Joanne Villis Director of Technology Enrichment, St Dominic's Priory College Dr Amara Atif Lecturer, University of Technology Sydney	Ryan Taylor Mathematics Teacher/ Numeracy Coordinator, Cranbrook School	Dr Tim Scott Barker Institute Research Principal, Barker College	Tammie Jakstas PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle		
1:10pm - 1:55pm	LUNCH					
Workshops	Conference Room A	Conference Room B	Conference Room C	Conference Room D		
1:55pm - 2:40pm	GenAl at Independent Schools: Practices, Opportunities and Challenges	Reimagining Principal Preparation	Lessons From Primary School Students' Perceptions of the Factors that Influence School Connectedness	Leading Lasting Change: A Practical Framework for School Improvement		
	Dr Suzana Sukovic Director of College Research, PLC Sydney	Penny Brown Head of the Leadership Centre, AISNSW Dr Shani Hartley Senior Research Specialist,	Jodie Hoenig Researcher, University of New South Wales	David Cole Deputy Principal, Australian Christian College Singleton		

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2:45pm - 3:30pm Five Years of Transformative Pivots in Education

Development

The Death of the Question Mark: A Crisis in Curiosity in the Modern Classroom.

Beyond the Numbers Game: Strategies for School Leaders to Cultivate Experienced Teacher Retention

Megan Talintyre

Director of Operations, Leppington Anglican College and PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle Nick Tsoukatos

Culturally Responsive

Teaching and Intercultural

Science Teacher, Cranbrook School Mackenzie Pederson

Assistant Head of Science (Stage 5), Cranbrook School **Anne Gripton**Consultant,

Consultant AISNSW

3:30pm CLOSE

Day 2

9:00am - 9:05am	Acknowledgement of Country					
9:05am - 10:00am	Keynote Let's Measure What You Value Instead of Valuing Only What You Can Measure Professor Jim Tognolini, Director of the Centre for Educational Measurement and Assessment, University of Sydney					
10:00am - 10:15am	From Insight to Impact: Empowering Staff and Students Through Data Stories Madeline Agius, Leader of Data Driven Pedagogy, St Vincent's College Potts Point					
10:15am - 10:30am	Voices From the Classroom: Translating Teachers' Experiences into Practical Mental Health Training Jacqueline Frei, PhD Candidate, Black Dog Institute					
10:30am - 10:45am	Research-Informed Professional Learning as a Strategy For Embedding Sustainable Change in Schools Trinity Hastie, Director of Research and Professional Practice, Kincoppal - Rose Bay School					
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11:15am - 12:00pm	Embedding Learning Science: A Learner's Toolkit for Students and Teachers	Implications of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) Serving Dual Purposes, Secondary Exit and Tertiary Entrance. A Students' Perspective	Designing and Implementing Research-Informed Professional Learning for Academic Leaders in Schools: A Case Study	AISNSW Teacher Workload Reduction Project		
	Dr Victoria Leighton Director of Staff Growth & Research and Co-Director The Churchie Research Centre, Anglican Church Grammar School Dr Emilia Sinton Dean of Studies and Head of Mathematics, Anglican Church Grammar School	Bianca Aiello Mathematics Teacher, Roseville College and Honours Student, University of Sydney	Deborah Williams Deputy Headmaster (Academic), Trinity Grammar School Dr Kimberley Pressick- Kilborn Head of Research and Professional Growth, Trinity Grammar School	Dr Shani Hartley Senior Research Specialist, AISNSW Simon Johnson Teacher Workload Reduction Project Consultant, AISNSW		
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1:40pm - 2:25pm	Keynote Dr Kylie Lipscombe, Associate Professor Educational Leadership, University of Wollongong					
2:25pm - 3:10pm	Panel Building a Pipeline of Leaders and How Research Can Support the Endeavour Chaired by Tim Hildebrandt, Leadership Consultant, AISNSW Dr Shani Hartley, Senior Research Specialist, AISNSW					
3:10pm	CLOSE					