

QUEENSLAND SECONDARY PRINCIPALS'  
ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

# IGNITE EVOLVE INSPIRE

25-27 MAY 2022  
HILTON HOTEL BRISBANE



Queensland Secondary Principals' Association

# THE QUEENSLAND SECONDARY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION (QSPA)

QSPA is the peak professional association for State secondary school Principals, Deputy Principals and Heads of Department in Queensland. QSPA provides professional support, advocacy, professional development, and services to its membership. With over 600 members, QSPA is the respected voice of secondary school leaders across Queensland.

QSPA directly represents members in policy development through contact with Government and the Minister of Education, senior officers of the Department of Education, and other peak education bodies. Our extensive cluster structure provides a strong consultative base for the elected Executive and State Council. QSPA provides significant professional development focused on secondary school leadership issues in Queensland.

## CONFERENCE COSTS AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

All costs are GST inclusive and payment by schools will be processed as requested through Conference Services or as per options outlined.

For schools registering 3 or more people, attending for 2 or more days, a 10% discount applies to each attendee. (Discount Code: **QSPA3**)

Registration Details: [www.ivvy.com.au/event/QSPA22/](http://www.ivvy.com.au/event/QSPA22/)

<b>3 DAYS \$800</b>	<b>1 DAY \$250</b>	<b>1 DAY \$450</b>	<b>2 DAYS \$720</b>	<b>DINNER \$95</b>
25 May-27 May	Wed 25 May	Thu 26 or Fri 27 May	Thu 26 & Fri 27 May	Awards dinner per person presentation

### HILTON BRISBANE ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been reserved at the Conference venue, the Hilton Hotel Brisbane.

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# Kirsten Ferdinands

## CONFERENCE CHAIR

Welcome to the 2022 Queensland Secondary Principals' Conference: **Ignite, Evolve, Inspire**; proudly providing world class leadership learning, inspiration and collegiality. Whilst we continue to reflect on the COVID-19 affected years of 2020 and 2021 – our sights are firmly set on the opportunities for us as leaders, those that are present now, and those that we create into the future.

Speakers include **Dr Peter Fuda**, a Professor of management, on a mission to democratize leadership. He is the author of the international bestselling book *Leadership Transformed; How Ordinary Managers Become Extraordinary Leaders*; **Joanne McEachen**, a best-selling author, a social entrepreneur, and a leading voice in the global education community, supporting humanity to remember who they are, how they fit into the world and how they can contribute to our world; **Adriano Di Prato**, a learning designer, prominent educational thought leader and founding partner in a School for tomorrow - a global network creating today's learning, for tomorrow's world; **Tracey Ezard**, author of the book *'Ferocious Warmth' School Leaders Who Inspire and Transform*. Her ferocious warmth leadership approach helps leaders deal with the dualities and paradoxes that leadership presents; **Dr Jordan Nguyen**, one of Australia's most innovative engineers who has become a driving force behind both human and technological evolution as we move into the future; **Lucy Thomas**, with a blended academic background in Psychology and Creative Arts, Lucy is a mighty force of kindness, equipped with the precious ability to creatively engage young people to generate positive social change; **Louka Parry**, CEO of The Learning Future, he is committed to transforming learning structures, systems and societies so that we better empower individuals to develop the key human capabilities that matter most now and into the future and **Dan Haesler**, an international keynote speaker on leadership, engagement, mindset and wellbeing.

Wednesday also includes a middle leaders program featuring updates and insights from QCAA, Education Improvement Branch (EIB), and State Schooling.

We welcome back Dave Faulkner and the **Education Changemakers** team to once again MC our Conference and contribute to Conference keynotes and breakout sessions.

We are privileged to welcome **Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing - Hon Grace Grace MP** and our new **Director General Michael De'Ath** to address delegates.

We also welcome **Samuel Johnson**– chief flagbearer at Love Your Sister and someone who has been gracing Australian TV, stage and film for well beyond two decades now. He was awarded the Centenary Medal in the Queen's Honours List in 2000 for Services to the Arts and the Community and has won an AACTA award for Best Actor in a Television Drama. He has been nominated for 3 Logies and has held the title for GQ Magazine's Social Force of the Year. His and Connie's book 'Love Your Sister' was nominated for Best Biography at the ABIA Awards and in 2016 Samuel was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to cancer research. To top it all off, Samuel was named the 2018 Victorian Australian of the Year. I'm sure Samuel will certainly inspire and entertain us over Friday lunch!

Thank you QSPA members and our Business Partners for your interest and support of our 2022 Conference.

We look forward to sharing our 2022 Conference with you and hope that you find the three days professionally and personally rewarding.



## Mark Breckenridge

PRESIDENT  
QUEENSLAND SECONDARY  
PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

Mark Breckenridge is President of the Queensland Secondary Principals' Association, taking up the position in January 2018. He was re-elected for a second term commencing in 2022.

Mark has more than thirty years experience as a Principal, across a diverse range of schools from small one-teacher schools, P-10 rural through to regional and metropolitan high schools with large student enrolments.

During this wide-ranging career Mark has developed an appreciation for the complexities inherent in all schools, regardless of location or size. School leaders are the critical component in school success; addressing issues of complexity, building and sustaining relationships that help enable a culture of continuous improvement. As a Principal Mark sought to ensure that his schools were a place where community matters. He believes strongly in the value of partnerships across the community-with families, business and industry and the wider community.

From his earliest years as a Principal Mark has actively engaged in building professional and collegial networks with his fellow school leaders. These networks have been an important element in Mark's leadership journey and are a central focus of his work now as QSPA President.



## HON GRACE GRACE MP

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION,  
MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
AND MINISTER FOR RACING

Grace Grace was first elected to State Parliament in October 2007 and is currently the member for McConnell.

Grace was appointed *Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs* in December 2015 and successfully implemented a series of important legislative reforms including the *Racing integrity Act*, the *Multicultural Recognition Act* and the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*.

Following the 2017 state election, Grace was appointed *Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations* – both areas she is passionate about. Grace understands the importance of education and her tireless advocacy delivered a new high school in Fortitude Valley in 2020; the first built in the inner city for 50 years.

Grace was appointed *Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing* following the recent 2020 state election.

During her career, Grace has had extensive director board experience with organisations including Sunsuper, Energex and Southbank Corporation.

She has worked with local community organisations in her electorate including P&C's, the New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, Teneriffe Progress Association, Queensland Aids Council (QuAC), Fortitude Valley Chamber of Commerce and many others.

Grace has lived her whole life in her electorate where she and her husband Michael raised their child, Alex.



# Michael De'Ath

DIRECTOR GENERAL  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Michael's career began in New Zealand where he served as a teacher and school principal. He also served as a school principal of an independent school in Pakistan.

Michael worked in the New Zealand Ministry of Education National Office in Wellington where he managed the development and roll out of a series of inaugural nationwide school leadership capability building initiatives. He also led a complex program of school reorganisations.

Michael went on to hold the position of Regional Manager for the South Island. The South Island encompassed 670 schools and 1,000 early childhood centres and services. In 2009 Michael took up the role of Regional Director with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in Victoria.

In 2012 Michael was appointed as the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services South Division, Victoria. In this role he was responsible for the key business functions of the South Division; area-based service delivery, service improvement and client outcomes, divisional corporate services, child protection, and health branches. Through planning, monitoring and best practice, Michael drove a client centred high performance culture to achieve positive client outcomes and the delivery of quality services to vulnerable Victorians. He also led the state-wide Minor Refugee Program, Inter-country Adoption Service, FIND program and managed the department's Housing Call Centre.

In 2016 Michael was appointed as the Director-General of the ACT Government Community Services Directorate. The Directorate is responsible for developing, delivering and funding programs, policies and services across a wide range of human services including child and youth protection services, public and community housing and homelessness, disability and therapy policy, early intervention, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, multicultural affairs, older people, veterans, women, community engagement, community services and disaster recovery.

Michael went on to lead the ACT Health Directorate as Director General Health. The Directorate provides a comprehensive range of health services to residents of the ACT, sets policy, managed hospitals and provided health services. He led the re-accreditation of the Canberra Regional Hospital and a major reform of the system, separating the Hospital and Health Services from the Health Directorate to form one entity, Canberra Health Services.

In April 2020 Michael returned to Victoria amidst the challenges created through the COVID-19 pandemic, a personal decision to be closer to his family at this time. While in Victoria he supported the Department of Health and Human Services response to the escalating case number. He led a range of projects, in particular focussing on workforce and the Australian Defence Force effort.

More recently, Michael has been working with KPMG in Management Consultancy as a Strategic Adviser. His focus has largely been on reviews of effectiveness and assurance, developing the capability of public and private sector leaders and in general, supporting major reform initiatives.

Michael was appointed as Director General of Queensland Education and took up the role in December 2021.



## **Dave Faulkner**

**EDUCATION CHANGEMAKERS  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Dave is the CEO and co-founder of Education Changemakers, and a global leader in K-12 education innovation. As a renowned learning designer, facilitator, and keynote speaker for some of the world's largest education events, Dave has chaired UK's BETT Arena, spoken at ASCD USA and Edutech Australia, and shared the stage with education innovators including Ken Robinson, Angela Lee Duckworth, Anthony Salcito and Sugata Mitra.

Dave's education leadership journey began when he became a principal at age 24, with further Principal tenures at Primary and Secondary schools over the next decade as well as a three-year period as a Regional Director. He is co-author of our best-selling books 'Edupreneur' and 'Dream Team', has provided professional development to more than 100,000 educators over the last decade and is a seasoned expert in driving positive education changes. Dave works globally to advise and support system and organisational education leaders.



## **Maddie Scott-Jones**

**EDUCATION CHANGEMAKERS  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Maddie is the chief operations Officer at Education Changemakers and is a highly experienced facilitator and keynote speaker. Drawing on her career as a STEM teacher in secondary schools, Maddie has a particular passion for future-focused learning and instructional leadership. Maddie holds three master's degrees with distinction in education from the University of Melbourne and Australian Catholic University and sits on a number of innovative education boards. She leads on work supporting leadership improvement, "leading" much of EC's pedagogy creation and has built powerful curriculum for government departments, Microsoft, and many schools. As a passionate environmentalist she spends much of her free time undertaking expeditions across the Americas and the Pacific, and as a lead facilitator she works across the globe on our training and support programs.



## Travis Smith

MICROSOFT

Travis Smith has over 12 years' experience in the classroom and managed one of the first 1-to-1 technology programs in the country, starting in the mid 1990's. During his career he held positions of Assistant Principal and lectured at Monash University in the Education Faculty. Travis has presented Keynotes at conferences worldwide on the effective use of technology in the classroom as well as co-facilitated events such as the Worldwide Microsoft Partners in Learning Forum in Washington DC and Prague for teachers and leaders from over 70 countries. He is currently the K-12 Education Industry Lead for Microsoft Australia providing advice and support to large education jurisdictions as to the role of technology in education.



## Amanda Frampton

MICROSOFT

Amanda Frampton is a previous teacher who is passionate about integrating ICT into the Curriculum and moving classrooms to places of creation with technology rather than simply consumption. Amanda currently works for Microsoft as a Learning Delivery Specialist and works closely with School Systems, Individual Schools and teachers to facilitate the transformation of their practice to include effective ICT integration with the aim to empower students to achieve more.



## Linda Pitt

APPLE

Linda Pitt currently leads the Leadership and Learning team across Australia and New Zealand. More recently she was in the Leadership and Learning team focused on QLD and Northern Territory. Linda focused on lead the strategic development of schools and implementation of pedagogical change projects, Developed education programs and events and Supported teams in the areas of curriculum, transformational learning, school change management, professional development, educational research and strategic planning.

Linda has worked previously as the Executive Manager, Learning and Participation at State Library of Queensland, delivering events, exhibitions and learning programs around Queensland.

In previous roles, she was the Transformational Learning Manager for the Queensland Department of Education and Training and was charged with steering schools across the state towards transformational and contemporary learning practices. She started her career as a Secondary school teacher and leader in Education Queensland.



## Warren Darragh

APPLE

Warren is the Business Development Executive for Apple Education in Queensland and the Northern Territory. Prior to working with Apple Warren was the Executive Director of Digital Transformation with the Department of Education (DoE) Queensland. In this role he was responsible for the delivery of ICT strategy, architecture and major ICT programs and projects. Prior to joining the DoE Warren held a variety of senior executive, consulting and contracting roles including over 10 years as GM IT at Powerlink Queensland.

Warren Darragh holds a Bachelor of Information Technology degree, a Graduate Diploma of Communications and Information and Systems Management, a Master of Information Technology (Research) degree and a Master of Business Administration Degree and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) course. He is currently studying a Diploma of Arts, in the German Language at the University of Queensland.

Warren served for over a decade in the Australian Regular Army, and is a Graduate of the Royal Military College Duntroon Australia's premiere military leadership institution. He saw operational service in Cambodia and in the Former Yugoslavia.



## Julie Parker

APPLE

Julie Parker is part of the Leadership and Learning team at Apple Education in QLD. Her role supports teaching & learning best practice with technology and extends to working with school leaders & the school community on defining and achieving their vision for technology as well as driving effective use of iPad and Mac in Queensland classrooms.

Julie has been teaching for 11 years, a leader of best practice in digital pedagogy and previously was HOD eLearning at Coomera Rivers State School.

Prior to teaching her career focussed largely on business analysis and creating digital solutions for capturing and reporting information. Julie has worked in the retail, health (private and public), entertainment and local council sectors. A large part of these roles was the implementation of, and training staff in using, new digital systems.

Julie is empowered by coaching and mentoring others with her passion for leveraging technology in education.



## Dan Haesler

Dan Haesler works with individuals and organisations around issues of leadership, engagement, mindset and wellbeing.

Dan is an international keynote speaker and regularly presents alongside well-known thought leaders and industry experts, as well as Olympians, Oscar winners and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

He regularly features in the media and is passionate about equity and social justice. His first book, #SchoolOfThought is now available with all profits donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

As Director of Cut Through Coaching & Consulting he works with publicly listed companies, elite sporting organisations, government education projects, schools, professional associations and not-for-profit organisations.



## Dr Peter Fuda

For two decades, Dr. Peter Fuda has been a Sherpa to leaders, teams and organizations across the globe as a consultant, coach, author, researcher, speaker and professor of management.

Peter and his team at The Alignment Partnership (TAP) have created some 50 cases of business transformation, and more than 1,000 individual cases of leadership transformation around the world.

Clients include MasterCard, Kraft, Microsoft, Dow Jones & Co, Philips, Bayer, Mars, Luxottica, Foxtel, Macquarie Group, MSD, Westpac, Lenscrafters, Telstra, Suncorp, Rabobank, Scentre Group, and the government of Hong Kong, among many others. In an environment where 70% of all change efforts fail, TAP has a better than 90% success rate.

Peter has coached more than 200 CEOs to measurably increase their leadership effectiveness and performance.

He is the first Australian published on transformation in the Harvard Business Review. He is the Executive Producer of the documentary film Beyond the Superhero, licensed to Qantas. He is the author of the international bestselling book Leadership Transformed; How Ordinary Managers Become Extraordinary Leaders, and has taught his original content in the MBA program at Macquarie Business School for several years.

Peter has completed countless speaking engagements to hundreds of thousands of people on four continents, is a regular commentator across print, TV and radio media. He is a partner to the Wall Street Journal; regularly speaking at their events around the world including the WEF in Davos, CEO Council and Tech Live forums.

Most recently, Peter has been driven by a mission to democratize leadership, via an innovative digital product.

It's called Enixa.

Peter holds a Doctorate in Business Administration, a Master's degree in Commerce, and a Bachelor of Arts with first-class honours.

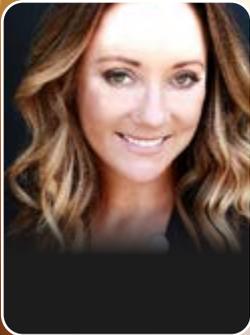


## Tracey Ezard

Tracey works with purposeful, innovative organisations helping teams connect quickly and create a powerful collaborative culture fast. Her ferocious warmth leadership approach helps leaders deal with the dualities and paradoxes that leadership presents. Her key concepts of ferocious warmth, ignorant truth and professional intimacy draw from both practice-led and evidence-based findings and thought leadership. She helps leaders and teams co-create the psychological safety needed for transformation.

She works with a broad range of teams including:

- Executive and Senior Leadership teams
- Middle management and their teams
- New teams, teams going through mergers and acquisitions
- School teams and Principal networks
- Teams needing to reinvigorate and refresh



## Amanda Stevens

Amanda Stevens is a renowned thought leader on the customer experience. She combines current consumer insights with fascinating research into buying behaviour, delivering organisations and business owners powerful strategies for connecting with their customers.

Education: Amanda has a double degree in consumer psychology and marketing. She has consulted to some of the country's biggest brands, including Lend Lease, Microsoft, Procter and Gamble and even the Australian Liberal Party.

Speaker: Recognised as one of the most entertaining speakers on the circuit, Amanda has presented at over 800 conferences in 14 countries. She combines practical strategies with a mesmerizing storytelling style, leaving audiences with memorable messages and actionable insights.

Awards: Amanda is a former Young Australian of the Year (Career Achievement, NSW) and in 2003 was awarded the prestigious Centenary Medal by the Governor General for Business Innovation. Amanda is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) and in 2018 was awarded Keynote Speaker of the Year by the Professional Speakers Association of Australia.



## Adriano Di Prato

Adriano Di Prato began his professional life initially in advertising prior to quickly becoming a teacher. His teaching has included VCE Visual Communication & Design, VCE Studio Arts, VCE Visual Arts and Religious Education at middle school. He moved into leadership early in his career initially in the student wellbeing and pastoral care area, then operations and governance, and finally into staff professional development and teaching and learning innovation.

Adriano's educational leadership has extended across the Catholic and Independent sectors, and from years 7-12, in single sex and co-educational settings. His achievements include two Deputy Principal Class appointments, President of the Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools Deputy Principals Association (VCSSDPA) for three years and Executive member for 10 years and was awarded Life Membership (Honorary) by the VCSSDPA in recognition of a significant contribution by an individual to the Association and to Catholic Secondary Education. Adriano also established the Saint Marcellin Champagnat Award, providing an annual sponsorship to three Marcellin Old Collegians to work as volunteers on an African children refugee program in partnership with the Three2Six Project in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Adriano has spent the last two years as founding partner of a School for tomorrow, a globally recognised educational network supporting students, teachers, and school leaders to thrive in a new world environment. Prior to this Adriano was the Deputy Principal at Marcellin College, Bulleen, for 12 years, where he was heralded in positioning the school as one of the best performing Independent Catholic boy's schools in the state. His Deputy Principal portfolio included learning vision, masterplan development, student wellbeing, child protection and leadership, human resource management, staff professional practice and learning, all college marketing, branding and social media, compliance and budgeting, management of school improvement processes, community liaison and oversight of major school events.

Adriano's broad academic scholarship includes a Bachelor of Arts (Design) from Monash University, a Teaching, and a Masters of School Leadership, both from the University of Melbourne and a Postgrad in the Management of Not-for-Profit Organisations from the Australian Catholic University (ACU). In 2017 he completed a Theology study audit at the ACU Centre in Rome. As an alumnus of the University of Melbourne, Adriano is part of their Access Connections Mentoring Program, where he supports current Art, Design and Film students. He is a current member of the Australian College of Educators (MACE).

In March 2020, Adriano launched a new educational podcast series titled Game Changers, with co-host Associate Professor of Education & Enterprise Dr Philip Cummins. Listen Notes is the best podcast search engine in the world, trusted by 1,400,000+ people every month. They have ranked #GameChangers in the Top 2% most popular shows out of 2,446,796 podcasts globally, making the show one of Australia's leading educational podcasts.

Adriano remains a pioneer in the use of social media as a profound tool to connect, share, challenge and cultivate new learning. He is prolific in the Twitter and LinkedIn space often sharing his thoughts on faith, learning and life via links to his Tumblr blog titled Permission Is Triumph.

In 2019, 2020 & 2021 Adriano was most honoured to be selected on The Educators AU annual Hot List of movers and shakers in Australian education.



## Dr Jordan Ngyuen

Dr Jordan Nguyen is one of Australia's most innovative engineers, who is committed to improving the lives of as many people as possible, and to help become a driving force behind both human and technological evolution as we move into the future.

An internationally renowned engineer for humanity, Jordan designs life-changing technologies to transform the lives of people with disabilities and the elderly through his role as founder of Psykinetic, a social business committed to bringing positive, sustainable and life-altering change, and shares his adventures through documentaries across the world. Inspired by human endeavour, Jordan has big ambitions to see our world step consciously and creatively into a better future.

Jordan is Founder and CEO of Psykinetic, a start-up social business aimed at creating futuristic, inclusive and empowering technologies to improve independence and quality of life. Currently focusing on disability and aged care, Jordan and his team have successfully created a mind-controlled wheelchair, Virtual and Augmented reality rehabilitation and inclusive gaming, an instrument that enabled a friend with cerebral palsy to play music with her eyes and blinks, and devices that make it possible to control household appliances or even drive cars using only the tiny electrical signals created from eye movements.

Jordan is an award-winning documentary maker and presenter. In 2016 he collaborated with the Australian based production company, The Feds, and the ABC Catalyst to create and present his first TV documentary *Becoming Superhuman*, which went on to win many prestigious awards both locally and internationally. His work is regularly featured in the media and he has since gone on to present a second ABC Catalyst documentary *Meet The Avatars* exploring the impacts of Virtual Reality, including creating virtual interactive avatars to preserve memories of loved ones. He has also worked with National Geographic on *China 2049* and so far presented four Discovery Channel documentaries – *Smart China*, *Time of Xi*, *Vietnam: Connecting East Africa*, and *Tibet: Living On The Roof Of The World*. He recently founded his own media company, *Time-Captain Productions* and aims to continue creating world-changing content on the intersection between technology and humanity.

Jordan is a passionate ambassador for STEAM education, adaptable mindsets and big-picture thinking and holds a degree in Electrical Engineering, First-Class Honours, Diploma in Engineering Practice, and a PhD in Biomedical Engineering (Chancellor's List) from the University of Technology Sydney. He has taught university engineering master's students in Artificial Intelligence design and Biomedical instrumentation and has supervised many research students. He believes our young generations are the change-makers of tomorrow and have the potential to create solutions to the world's greatest challenges.

The past few years alone have been significant for Jordan. In 2017 he was a finalist for the NSW Australian of the Year. He made the list of Australia's Most Innovative Engineers by *Create Magazine* 2016, was named in *Onalytica's* Top 100 Global Influencers on Virtual Reality in both 2016 and 2017, travelled on tour with *Think Inc* and *Steve Wozniak* in 2016, won the Australian Computer Society's (ACS) 'ICT Professional of the Year' Digital Disruptors Award in 2017, and had the honour of being MC in 2018 for *An Evening With President Barack Obama* on his recent visit to Sydney.



## Joanne McEachen

Joanne McEachen of Waitaha Ngāti Māmoe Ngāi Tahu is CEO/Founder of The Learner First (USA/Australia/New Zealand), Founder of Kia Kotahi Ako Trust (NZ), Edmund Hillary Fellow (EHF- NZ), Fellow of Salzburg Global Seminar (Austria), Executive Karanga: The Global Alliance for Social Emotional Learning and Life Skills (Global), North America Advisory Board for Education: New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao (North America/NZ), Board Member for Partners for Youth Empowerment (PYE) Global, and a Co-founder of NPDL (Global).

Joanne, a best-selling author, a social entrepreneur, and a leading voice in the global education community, supports humanity to remember who they are, how they fit into the world and how they can contribute to our world. She has spent over 35 years working within and across school systems in multiple countries and can offer insights and strategies to re-connect the lives of students, teachers, families and communities to what matters. She provides ways to redefine what success looks like, recognizes that we learn best through Contributive Learning- learning to add to the world.



## Andrew Pierpoint

Andrew Pierpoint is President of the Australian Secondary Principals' Association – the peak body for Secondary School Leaders across Australia. He previously was President of the Queensland Secondary Principals' Association for four (4) years.

Andrew has had extensive experience, over 37 years, in High Schools as a science teacher, Head of Department (Science), Deputy Principal and Principal as well as having several system positions in the support of Principals. Throughout his career, Andrew has worked in complex rural and remote communities through to large regional and metropolitan schools. He has led communities and reference groups at district, regional, state, and national levels.

Andrew's special interests are the provision of high-quality professional learning for school leaders, school leader wellbeing and is personally highly active in school sport – particularly cricket and golf.

Andrew has demonstrated a passion for State (Government) Education in Australia driven by the values of social justice and equity and possess an excellent understanding of the Principalship from firsthand experience. Most importantly, Andrew has a genuine desire to make a meaningful difference for school leaders in the application of their ever increasing, complex roles in schools and the broader communities they work in.



## Lucy Thomas

Growing up, Lucy Thomas always figured that “someone should really do something about bullying.” Then she realised: I am that someone.

Now, more than a decade after founding PROJECT ROCKIT, Lucy has dedicated her whole life to the cause. As a keynote speaker and facilitator, Lucy has personally worked with hundreds of thousands of young people all over the world, from Wangaratta to Texas, Wollongong to Auckland, Atherton to Perth.

As CEO of PROJECT ROCKIT, Lucy’s work has been honoured by UNICEF, the global Family Online Safety Institute, and she has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her service to youth and the issue of bullying.

But after building her career tackling bullying, Lucy’s life was fundamentally changed when she became the target of an extended pattern of bullying herself. Instead of hiding away, Lucy took this as a call to connect with even young Aussies and launch herself into advocating for her LGBTIQ+ community. Lucy has since wrapped these personal learnings into her widely received TEDx talk, Kindness: The ultimate rebellion against bullying.

Today Lucy sits on a number of boards including Facebook’s Global Safety Board, Twitter’s Global Trust and Safety Council and she is a Director of the board at Pride Cup – championing LGBTIQ+ inclusion through sport. With a blended academic background in Psychology and Creative Arts, Lucy is a mighty force of kindness, equipped with the precious ability to creatively engage young people to generate positive social change.



## Louka Parry

Louka Parry is the CEO + Founder of The Learning Future and works globally as a speaker, learning strategist and education futurist. He speaks on innovation, leadership and change having worked with thousands of leaders and educators from diverse contexts all across the world, including in high-level policy for a such as the OECD, UNESCO, and the European Commission, and with all Australian States and Territories.

A rapid learner, he speaks five languages, has visited over 800 countries, and holds two Masters degrees, one in Instructional Leadership from the University of Melbourne and another in Applied Linguistics, and has also completed executive studies at Harvard and a residency at the d.school at Stanford University. Through his work, he has acquired expert knowledge in leadership, strategy, communication, wellbeing and organisational change and culture. As an education leader, he was promoted to Principal at only 27 years old and in 2012 he was named South Australian Inspirational Public Secondary Teacher of the Year.

As CEO of The Learning Future, he is committed to transform learning structures, systems and societies that better empower individuals to develop the key human capabilities that matter most now and into the future. He sits on the Steering Committee for Learning Creates Australia, and also co-leads Karanga: The Global Alliance for Social Emotional Learning and Life Skills, which connects the global education community at the forefront of the future of education and social emotional learning to empower children, educators and communities all across the globe.



## Samuel Johnson

Samuel Johnson is chief flagbearer at Love Your Sister and has been gracing Australian tv, stage and film for well beyond two decades now.

Most importantly, Samuel Johnson is Connie Johnson's little brother. After his big sister Connie was diagnosed with terminal breast cancer Samuel made Connie the promise of a lifetime. To ride his unicycle around the entire country for her in an effort to remind every young mum in the land to be breast aware. Samuel kept his promise. He spent a whole year atop a unicycle vowing to do whatever it takes to remind young mums to check their boobs.

Besides being a goose on a unicycle, Samuel begrudgingly bears the title of Chief Flagbearer here at Love Your Sister. He shirks at the idea of being a spokesperson, let alone a flagbearer, but LYS needs a voice and he accepts this. Connie was too sick to blow the trumpet as often as needed so Samuel became the guy at the front. But, in a way, Samuel's the guy behind it all too. Samuel built Love Your Sister while Connie was sick with gmail and a mobile phone. He hustles really hard and is constantly obsessing about how to improve Love Your Sister.

Samuel is a bit of a nutter. He can be volatile. When he's on there's nothing like it, when he's off you won't know where he is. He's an unpredictable, intense, loving, emotional and often over-enthusiastic guy whose pet hate is when his 'passion' gets taken personally. Someone who rides all the way around the country on one wheel has to have at least one screw loose and most people who know Samuel would concede this. Samuel has vowed to keep screaming from the rafters until our mum's stop dying, and that's why we put up with him.

Awards: Samuel is an accomplished public speaker. He was awarded the Centenary Medal in the Queen's Honours List in 2000 for Services to the Arts and the Community and has won an AACTA award for Best Actor in a Television Drama. He has been nominated for 3 Logies and has held the title for GQ Magazine's Social Force of the Year. His and Connie's book 'Love Your Sister' was nominated for Best Biography at the ABIA Awards and in 2016 Samuel was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to cancer research. To top it all off, Samuel was named the 2018 Victorian Australian of the Year.

# Wednesday 25th May

- 7:30 Meet for optional bus tour which departs 8am sharp
- 8:30-9:30 School tour of Fortitude Valley SSC  
***Or stay and enjoy a masterclass below***
- 8:30-10:00 Masterclass Apple – **Queens Room**  
Masterclass Microsoft – **Victoria's Room**
- 9:30-10:00 Travel back to Hilton from school tour
- 10:00-10:45 Pastries on arrival – Registration - Roving student entertainment
- 10:45-10:50 Acknowledgement of Country / Welcome Conference Chair  
Kirsten Ferdinands – **Grand Ballroom**
- 10:50-12:00 Keynote Dan Haesler – **Grand Ballroom**
- 12:00-12:10 Platinum Partner Presentation: Education Perfect - **Grand Ballroom**
- 12:10-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:10 Platinum Partner Presentation: Edugrafix - **Grand Ballroom**
- 1:10-1:45 Leadership Inspiration Panel - Ross McSwan, Racquel Gibbons,  
Dr Pete Stebbins  
*Chaired by Education Changemakers – Grand Ballroom*
- 1:45-2:30 **Breakouts Sessions (Choose one)**  
Ross McSwan – Necessary Conversations – **Grand Ballroom**  
Racquel Gibbons – Translating school reviews into practice  
– **Queens Room**  
Jacqui Wilton – QCAA Hot Topics – **Victoria's Room**
- 2:30-3:05 Afternoon tea
- 3:05-3:10 Gold Partner Presentation: Advanced Life Photography  
- **Grand Ballroom**
- 3:10-3:55 **Breakouts Sessions (Choose one)**  
Racquel Gibbons – Translating school reviews into practice  
– **Queens Room**  
Dr Pete Stebbins – HPT Schools/Flourishing Schools – **Grand Ballroom**  
Stacie Hansel – New CARF/Australian Curriculum implementation  
– **Victoria's Room**
- 3:55-4:45 **Breakout Sessions (Choose one)**  
Dr Pete Stebbins – HPT Schools/Flourishing Schools – **Grand Ballroom**  
Ross McSwan – Necessary Conversations – **Queens Room**  
Julie Rowe – Timetabling – **Victoria's Room**
- 4:45 **CLOSE**  
*Welcome Reception Level 8 Pool Deck. Enjoy live music by Bill Rowse.*

# Thursday 26th May

- 7:30-8:30 Registration/Networking
- 8:30-8:40 Acknowledgement of Country  
Student Entertainment – **Grand Ballroom**
- 8:40-9:00 Welcome Kirsten Ferdinands, Conference Chair  
& Mark Breckenridge, President QSPA – **Grand Ballroom**
- 9:00-9:30 Michael De’Ath Director General Department of Education  
– **Grand Ballroom**
- 9:30-10:40 Keynote Dr Peter Fuda – **Grand Ballroom**
- 10:40-10:50 Platinum Partner Presentation: MSP Photography - **Grand Ballroom**
- 10:50-11:30 Morning tea
- 11:30-11:40 Platinum Partner Presentation: Compass - **Grand Ballroom**
- 11:40-12:50 Keynote Tracey Ezard – **Grand Ballroom**
- 12:50-1:00 Platinum Partner Presentation: Berry Street **Grand Ballroom**
- 1:00-1:45 Lunch
- 1:45-1:55 Platinum Partner Presentation: tynans **Grand Ballroom**
- 1:55-2:25 Leadership Evolution Panel - Adriano Di Prato, Amanda Stevens,  
Dr Jordan Ngyuen, Tracey Ezard, chaired by Education Changemakers  
– **Grand Ballroom**
- 2:25-3:00 **Breakout sessions (Choose one)**  
Amanda Stevens – **Grand Ballroom**  
Adriano Di Prato – **Queens Ballroom**
- 3:00-3:20 Afternoon tea
- 3:20-4:35 Masterclass Workshop with Dr Jordan Nguyen  
Presented by QSPA Gold & Health Partner TUH – **Grand Ballroom**

## Thursday Evening Program

7:00pm-11pm QSPA 2022 Conference Dinner & Awards Presentation.

Pre-dinner drinks from 7pm sponsored by QTU. Master of Ceremonies: Dave Faulkner.  
Music by Mitchell Dormer – **Grand Ballroom**

# Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

- 7:30-8:30 Registration/Networking
- 8:30-8:40 Acknowledgement of Country  
Student Entertainment – **Grand Ballroom**
- 8:40-9:10 The Hon. Grace Grace Minister for Education,  
Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing  
– **Grand Ballroom**
- 9:10-10:20 Keynote Joanne McEachen – **Grand Ballroom**
- 10:20-10:30 Platinum Partner Presentation: Readcloud - **Grand Ballroom**
- 10:30-11:15 Morning tea
- 11:15-11:20 Gold Partner Presentation: Atomi – **Grand Ballroom**
- 11:20-11:50 ASPA President Andrew Pierpoint – **Grand Ballroom**
- 11:50-11:55 Gold Partner Presentation: Daymap – **Grand Ballroom**
- 11:55-12:00 Gold Partner Presentation: Edrolo - **Grand Ballroom**
- 12:00-12:50 **Breakout sessions (Choose one)**  
  
Lucy Thomas – **Victoria's Room**  
  
Louka Parry – **Queens Room**
- 12:55-1:40 **Breakout sessions (Choose one)**  
  
Lucy Thomas – **Victoria's Room**  
  
Louka Parry – **Queens Room**
- 1:45-3:30 QSPA Leadership Lunch & Bursary presentation – **Grand Ballroom**  
  
**Featuring Samuel Johnson and Journey with Love Your Sister**  
  
**Conference close**

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