



# EMPOWERING MINDS, CONNECTING HEARTS

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Conference

PROGRAM

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### PRE-CONFERENCE MASTERCLASS: WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

8.00 am	<b>Conference Registration – Tea and Coffee on Arrival</b> <i>Location: Southern Cross Lobby</i>
<b>Session Room</b>	<b>Admiralty Gulf Room</b>
8.30 am	<b>“Leading Flourishing Schools’ Masterclass</b> Dr Pete Stebbins, PhD <i>High Performance Schools, Leaders &amp; Teams</i>
8.30 am	<b>Flourishing Schools: High Capacity Culture and The Big 4 Support Systems</b>
10.00 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
10.30 am	<b>High Performance Teams: A School-wide Approach</b>
11.15 am	<b>The Platinum Rule for Enhanced Communications: Students, Peers and Parents</b>
12.30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.00 pm	<b>Optimal School-wide Collaboration: Finding the Goldilocks Zone</b>
2.00 pm	<b>Brain Break</b>
2.15 pm	<b>Maximising Whole School Wellbeing: Student and Staff Pulse Systems</b>
3.15 pm	<b>Masterclass Concludes</b>

### CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

5.00 pm	<b>Conference Registration Open</b> <i>Location: Entrance to Ball and Chain – Esplanade Hotel</i>
5.30 pm – 7.30 pm	<b>2024 Welcome Reception</b> <i>Location: Ball and Chain – Esplanade Hotel</i>

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### CONFERENCE PROGRAM: THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

8.00 am	<b>Conference Registration – Tea and Coffee on Arrival</b> <i>Location: Southern Cross Lobby</i>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Southern Cross Ballroom</b> (Orion/ Pleiades)			
9.00 am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Vaughn McGuire of Whadjak Noongar Country			
9.10 am	<b>Welcome to Delegates and Housekeeping</b>			
9.15 am	<b>Official Conference Opening</b> <i>AASE and WAESPAA</i>			
9.30 am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b>Individual and Context: How We Can Design for Access and Ownership and Coach Resilience</b> Bill Wilmot <i>Cast.Org, USA</i>			
10.20 am	<b>Platinum Sponsor Address</b> Dr Julie Boston <i>Edith Cowan University</i>			
10.25 am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Trade Exhibition Visit</b> <i>Location: Sirius Room</i>			
<b>Stream</b>	<b>Social and Emotional Research</b>	<b>Social and Emotional Practitioner</b>	<b>Inclusive Practices</b>	<b>Leadership in Education</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Orion</b>	<b>Pleiades</b>	<b>Rottnest</b>	<b>Carnac/Garden</b>
10.55 am – 11.40 am	<b>The Peer Interactions and School Connectedness of High School Girls on the Autism Spectrum</b>  Dr Michelle Tso <i>University of New South Wales, NSW</i>	<b>Support Personal and Professional Health and Wellbeing in Complex Learning Environments</b>  Cale Begley <i>Team Teach ANZ, SA</i>	<b>Empowering Educators to Engage Autistic Students with a PDA Profile: Connection is Key</b>  Dr Miriam Kirby <i>The Kidd Clinic, WA</i>	<b>Invited Speaker Workshop</b> <b>Principal Wellbeing &amp; Life Strategy: Prevention is Better Than Cure!</b>  Dr Pete Stebbins, PhD <i>High Performance Schools, Leaders &amp; Teams</i>
<b>5-minute room change</b>				
11.45am – 12.30 pm	<b>Secondary Students at the Heart: Empowering Practices from International Postsecondary Programs</b>  Dr Jessica Zanetti and Dr Olivia Karaolis <i>University Of Sydney, NSW</i>	<b>Transitioning from Reactive Behaviour Practices to Establishing Consistent Whole-school Wellbeing Systems</b>  Kelly Oldfield <i>Child Development &amp; Behaviour Specialists, WA</i>	<b>Everyone Everyday – An ACT Public Schools’ Initiative - Supporting Schools to Strengthen Inclusive Cultures</b>  Jake Naylor and Megan Campbell <i>Act Education Directorate, ACT</i>	
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1.30 pm	<b>ASEPA National President's Address</b> Mathew Johnson <i>National President, Australian Special Education Principals' Association</i>			
1.40 pm	<b>Gold Sponsor Address</b>			
1.45 pm – 2.35 pm	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b>When People are Overwhelmed, Teaching, Learning, and Decision-Making All Suffer: Using Lessons from Cognitive Load Theory to Live a Successful Life</b>  Dr Michael Kennedy <i>University of Virginia, USA</i>			Keynote Sponsor:  
<b>5-minute room change</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>Southern Cross Ballroom (Orion/ Pleiades)</b>		<b>Rottnest</b>	
2.40 pm – 3.25 pm	<b>Des English Memorial Lecture</b> <b>The Place of Technology in Special and Inclusive Education</b>  Prof Dianne Chambers <i>Hiroshima University, Japan</i>		<b>WAESPAA Annual General Meeting</b> (WAESPAA Members Only)	
3.25 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea &amp; Trade Exhibition Visit</b> <i>Location: Sirius Room</i>			
	<b>Social and Emotional Research</b>	<b>Social and Emotional Practitioner</b>	<b>Inclusive Practices</b>	<b>Leadership in Education</b>
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3.55 pm – 4.40 pm	<b>Supporting the Social Capital Development of Adolescents Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing</b>  A/Prof Jill Duncan <i>University of Newcastle, NSW</i>	<b>Meeting Social-emotional Goals While Valuing Diversity: The Evolution of Evidence-based Practice</b>  Kathleen Davey <i>Social Science Translated, QLD</i>	<b>Using Mixed Reality Simulations to Prepare Pre-Service Teachers for Inclusive Classroom Management</b>  Prof Therese Cumming and Dr Ellen Lee <i>University of New South Wales Sydney, NSW</i>	<b>Are Our Students and Staff Getting the Leaders They Deserve</b>  Jenny Cole <i>Positively Beaming, WA</i>
4.40 pm	<b>Day 1 Close</b>			

### CONFERENCE DINNER: THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2024

6.30 pm	<b>Dinner Check-in for Pre-Dinner Drinks (Poolside at the Esplanade Hotel)</b>
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### 2024 Conference Dinner

*Location: Esplanade Hotel*

6.30 pm -  
10.30 pm

6.30 pm – Pre-dinner drinks **poolside**

6.55 pm – Guest ushered to the Southern Cross Ballroom

7.00 pm – Guests seated in **Southern Cross Ballroom**

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8.15 am	<b>Conference Registration – Tea and Coffee on Arrival</b> <i>Location: Southern Cross Lobby</i>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Southern Cross Ballroom</b> (Orion/ Pleiades)			
8.45 am	<b>Welcome to Country</b>			
8.50 am	<b>Welcome to Day 2 &amp; Housekeeping</b>			
8.55 am	<b>Minister for Education Address</b> Hon Dr Tony Buti <i>Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</i> <i>Western Australian Government</i>			
9.05 am	<b>Director General's Office Address</b> Jim Bell <i>Deputy Director General, Student Achievement</i> <i>Western Australian Government</i>			
9.15 am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b>Worries Are a Big Deal!</b> Kari Dunn Buron <i>Autism Education Specialist, USA</i>			
10.05 am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b>An Educator Reflects: Are We Losing or Regaining Sight of the Big Picture?</b>  Prof Phil Riley <i>Deakin University, VIC</i>			<i>Keynote Sponsor:</i>  
10.55 am	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Trade Exhibition Visit</b> <i>Location: Sirius Room</i>			
	<b>Social and Emotional Research</b>	<b>Social and Emotional Practitioner</b>	<b>Inclusive Practices</b>	<b>Leadership in Education</b>
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11.20 am – 12.05 pm	<b>Designing to Support Learners on the Autism Spectrum</b>  Ray Giarola <i>Giarola Architects, QLD</i>  A/Prof Kate Simpson <i>Griffith University, QLD</i>	<b>Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Through Implementation of an Adaptable School/home Framework Promoting Communication and Self-regulation</b>  Merrilee Wright <i>Malibu, WA</i>	<b>Making Reasonable Adjustments for Students with Disability in Australian Mainstream Classrooms: Enablers and Barriers</b>  A/Prof Angela Page, Dr Laura Roche, Dr Judith Foggett, Dr Carl Leonard and A/Prof Jill Duncan <i>University Of Newcastle, NSW</i>	<b>The Business Centre Model: Supporting Wellbeing for Students Moving to Post School Options</b>  Gayle Nelson <i>Kalamunda Secondary Education Support Centre, WA</i>

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12.10 pm – 12.55 pm	<b>Student Counsellors: Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools</b>  Dr Yosheen Pillay <i>University Of Southern Queensland, QLD</i>	<b>CALM Mornings - Relationship and Nurture Based Learning</b>  Debbie Fieldwick and Sandy Hodge <i>Halls Head College Education Support Centre, WA</i>	<b>Pieces of the Puzzle: Developing Fundamental Learning and Interpersonal Skills, Through Explicit Teaching</b>  Mae Jorgeson and Kane Hronsky <i>Sir David Brand School</i>	<b>Implementing Multi- Tiered Systems of Support for Literacy and Behaviour: Why and How</b>  Jennifer Payne <i>Rypple, WA</i>
<b>12.55 pm</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Trade Exhibition Visit</b> <i>Location: Sirius Room</i>			
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1.55 pm – 2.40 pm	<b>Invited Speaker Session Using "Systems" to Teach Social Information and Emotional Regulation Skills</b>  Kari Dunn Buron <i>Autism Education Specialist, USA</i>	<b>Our Journey: The Development and Implementation of a Culturally Safe, Trauma Informed Framework at Yipirinya School</b>  Rebecca Tilley <i>Yipirinya School Council Inc, NT</i>	<b>Supporting Students with Disability in Successfully Transitioning to Post- School Life: What Does Research Tell Us?</b>  Prof Iva Strnadová, Sierra Angelina Willow, Dr Michelle Tso <i>University of New South Wales, NSW</i>	<b>Empowering Paraprofessionals: Leading System Change Through the Investment in Professional Learning for Learning Support Assistants</b>  Erin Smith and Danielle Hoogland <i>ACT Education Directorate, ACT</i>
5-minute room change				
2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	<b>Enhancing Social- Emotional Learning in Autistic Adolescents: A Digital Adaptation of The Feelings Program</b>  Anita Gardiner <i>Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, NSW</i>  Dr Michelle Wong <i>The Children's Hospital at Westmead, NSW</i>	<b>Invited Speaker Session Circle Up: Tools for Integrating Social Emotional Learning with Academic Learning</b>  Bill Wilmot <i>Cast.Org, USA</i>	<b>Neuro-what? Understanding the Language of Neurodiversity and Neuro-affirming Practice</b>  Kimberly Louise <i>Behaviour Detective, SA</i>	<b>Introducing TACPAC – Tactile Approach to Communication: Sensory Communication for People with Sensory Processing Difficulties</b>  Smitha George <i>Tacpac Sensory, WA</i>  Hilary Wainer <i>Tacpac, UK</i>
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4.00 pm	<b>2025 AASE Conference Announcement 2025 WAESPAA Conference Announcement</b>
4.10 pm	<b>Conference 'wrap up' and Prize Draw</b>
4.20 pm	<b>Conference Close</b>

*PLEASE NOTE: 2024 CONFERENCE PROGRAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*