

EVENT BROCHURE

THE JOYFUL SANDBOX

THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
10-12 MAY 2023 | BRISBANE



AN INVITATION.

Join us, for The School Leadership Conference
at Brisbane's Royal International Convention
Centre Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 May, 2023.
Together, we'll venture into "The Joyful Sandbox".

In the company of colleagues, international and local presenters, we'll investigate what it means to invite risk, be playful, and enable creativity in our schools.

Joyful (adjective)

A feeling. Brought about by having fun, which is the confluence of three states – playfulness, connection and flow.

Sandbox (noun)

A bounded environment in which to experiment, test ideas, create and learn without risk of causing disruption to other connected systems.

OPENING NIGHT.



FIRST
TIME IN
AUSTRALIA!

THE JOHN COCHRAN ADDRESS

BEAU LOTTO

Neuroscientist & Entrepreneur

The only constant in life is change. And the only way to thrive in a rapidly changing world is to change with it. We know that. But the biggest barrier is in our heads. Beau Lotto is a world-renowned expert in the neuroscience of perception. He reveals why trading certainty for doubt increases our capacity to adapt, lead, innovate, and thrive in the darkness of "I don't know".

A professor at University of London, as well as a visiting scholar at New York University, he is a three-time mainstage TED speaker with over 10 million views. Beau's latest book is *Deviate: The Science of Seeing Differently*.

Beau says, "Once you understand how perception works, you can't help but see yourself in the world in a different way and engage in it in a different way".

5-8PM | THIS EVENT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Extra Tickets \$80 | **\$40**
Including drinks & canapes | Presentation only

REWARD YOUR TEAM

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY.

PRE CONFERENCE.

ENHANCE YOUR LEARNING WITH A CHOICE OF OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

WALK ON COUNTRY | 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM @ \$275

Immerse yourself in the culture of the Quandamooka peoples on beautiful Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). Experience a traditional Welcome to Country at Bummiera (Brown Lake). Visit the former mission site Terra Bulla Leumeah and walk in the footsteps of your guide's ancestors at Capemba (Myora Springs) and the breath-taking Mulumba (Point Lookout). Hear creation stories, share bush foods, see works by local artists. This is your opportunity to build understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and doing.

"AGILE" SCHOOL VISIT | 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ \$66

Do Agile practices actually work in a school setting? Varsity State College is the largest primary school in Australia. Its size presents unique opportunities and demands ways of working that draw from spheres outside of the traditional education context. See how the application of Agile approaches – built predominately on the principles of flexibility, client satisfaction, collaboration and iterative development – are being applied in this educational context.

"LEARNING THROUGH PLAY" SCHOOL VISITS | 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM @ \$66

The Playmakers are strong advocates for the importance of outdoor play and the positive connections to learning, as well as the student health and wellbeing that results. They recognise that play is the most powerful educational and developmental tool evolution has provided us. During this bus tour you will see how two Brisbane schools are honouring their mission.

DAN HAESLER MASTERCLASS | **CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR TEAMS TO THRIVE**

Explore the frameworks and tools that support school leaders to support others. Through an exploration of concepts including Psychological Safety and Self Determination Theory, discover how leadership teams can create the conditions for all members of their staff to be their best at work. This is an opportunity to reflect on what is needed in order to thrive professionally and personally.

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM @ \$495 ALSO AVAILABLE TO NON-CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY.



OPENING EVENT & OPENING KEYNOTE

BEAU LOTTO
Neuroscientist & Entrepreneur

Building on the idea that trading certainty for doubt increases our capacity to adapt, lead, innovate and thrive, Beau Lotto will apply these principles to educational leadership. What do school leaders have to do to “see differently” so they might move from discomfort to thriving in the state of “not knowing”? This keynote will offer new ways to understand our world and provide you with strategies to lead change in your school.



KEYNOTE & MASTERCLASS

DAN HAESLER
Culture Champion

There’s a lynchpin that can amplify or destroy a team’s level of engagement, performance and wellbeing. With a catchcry of “(Psychological) Safety First!”, host of the *Habits of Leadership* podcast and best-selling author Dan Haesler will show the way to establish a school culture where every staff member can authentically engage to create better outcomes for students, themselves and the wider community.



ONSCREEN KEYNOTE

AMELIA PETERSON
Change Advocate

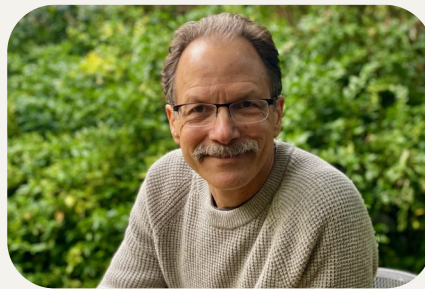
Does our purpose bring us joy, when the ‘why’ of schools is constrained by accountability and imposed-upon performance measures? Social scientist Dr Amelia Peterson from the London Interdisciplinary School (dubbed “The most radical new university to open in decades” by *The Times*) will share the tools schools, systems and whole jurisdictions have used to leverage purpose to innovate, play and thrive.



KEYNOTE

ZOE SMITH
Inquiry as Stance Pioneer

How might we become what the OECD calls “Future Fit” as leaders, in spite of the uncertainty of what the future holds? QASSP Travelling Scholar, doctoral candidate and fellow school leader Zoe Smith will introduce you to the concept of leading with, through and from an inquiry stance. This is an approach to leadership which honours the present and situates a leader’s mindset towards the evolution of education in our schools.



KEYNOTE

THOMPSON MORRISON
Tech Maverick

For our students to thrive in the new innovation economy, they must be empowered as creative problem solvers. The challenge is that most educators are products of an industrial paradigm of learning where compliance was rewarded over creativity. Author of *The Dayton Experiment*, Thompson Morrison will share a powerful agile-based learning framework to ignite creativity in your classrooms and beyond.



CLOSING KEYNOTE

ADAM FRASER
Performance Coach

Now more than ever, educators are working with complexity, scrutiny, and constraints — and the expectation to sustain high performance. The outcome is a workforce buckling under the pressure. Author of the acclaimed books *Strive: Embracing the Gift of Struggle* and *The Third Space*, Dr Adam Fraser will help you to navigate the roadblocks that get in the way of maintaining your wellbeing, joy in and love of the role of school leader.

MEET OUR PROVOCATEURS.

DAY 1.

7:30 AM Registration and Coffee with Business Partners and Exhibitors

8:30 AM **Welcome to Conference | Our Masters of Ceremony**

Who better to guide our program than two colleagues who not only share a deep understanding of the daily challenges and joys of leading schools but also the importance of an on-task and engaged audience!

8:45 AM **Speaking with Influence**

Spread throughout our conference program are TED Talk-style presentations by local education thought leaders. There's a depth of talent and ideas among our members and we'll be tapping into this rich vein.

9:00 AM **Why Do We Gather?**

The way we gather matters. In this opening activity connections between delegates, and to our theme, will emerge.

9:30 AM **Opening Keynote | BEAU LOTTO, Neuroscientist & Entrepreneur**

Building on ideas from the conference opening address, explore what school leaders have to do to "see differently" so they might move from discomfort to thriving in the state of "not knowing".

10:30 AM Networking over Morning Tea

11:00 AM **Presidents' Addresses**

Pat Murphy, QASSP and Brian O'Neill, QACSL.

11:30 AM **Speaking with Influence**

A TED Talk-style presentation by a local education thought leader.

11:45 AM **Keynote | DAN HAESLER, Culture Champion**

Harness the power of psychological safety to establish a school culture where every staff member can authentically engage to create better outcomes for students, themselves and the wider community.

12:45 PM **Deepening the Dialogue**

Choose a breakout session that allows you to explore deeper conversations with your leadership team or with colleagues from similar schools, provocations facilitated by experts, or spend time in the "white space" necessary for reflection.

1:00 PM Networking over Lunch

1:45 PM **Speaking with Influence**

A TED Talk-style presentation by a local education thought leader.

2:00 PM **Keynote | ZOE SMITH, Inquiry as Stance Pioneer**

Discover how leadership can be approached through an inquiry stance.

3:00 PM **Deepening the Dialogue**

Your choice of Breakout Sessions.

3:45 PM Day 1 Close

7:00 PM **The Neon Ball at City Hall**

Dress in your brightest evening wear for an event to be remembered! Enjoy live music and a three-course dinner in the Main Auditorium at Brisbane's iconic City Hall.

THURSDAY 11 MAY.

DAY 2.

7:30 AM Registration and Coffee with Business Partners and Exhibitors

8:30 AM **Speaking with Influence**

A TED Talk-style presentation by a local education thought leader.

8:45 AM **Onscreen Keynote | AMELIA PETERSON, Change Advocate**

Discover the tools schools, systems and whole jurisdictions have used to leverage purpose to innovate, play and thrive.

9:45 AM **Deepening the Dialogue**

Your choice of Breakout Sessions.

10:30 AM Networking over Morning Tea

11:00 AM **Speaking with Influence**

A TED Talk-style presentation by a local education thought leader.

11:15 AM **Keynote | THOMPSON MORRISON, Tech Maverick**

Discover a powerful agile-based learning framework that unleashes creative potential in classrooms and beyond.

12:15 PM **Deepening the Dialogue**

Your choice of Breakout Sessions.

1:00 PM Networking over Lunch

1:45 PM **Prize Draws and Award Presentations**

2:00 PM **Speaking with Influence**

A TED Talk-style presentation by a local education thought leader.

2:15 PM **Closing Keynote | ADAM FRASER, Performance Coach**

Learn to navigate the roadblocks that get in the way of maintaining your wellbeing, joy in and love of the role of school leader.

3:15 PM **Conference Close**

A wrap-up of proceedings by our Masters of Ceremony.

3:30 PM Farewell

Delegates leave the conference setting for another year and re-enter the world ready for action.

The conference organisers reserve the right to change activities, topics, and presenters where necessary.



OUR VENUE

Situated inside the historic Brisbane Showgrounds, on the CBD's fringe, the **Royal International Convention Centre (RICC)** offers a unique conference experience. With its unique blend of original hardwood timbers, industrial heritage façade and contemporary architectural design, there's a warmth and intimacy to our venue. The Centre is located close to all forms of public transport and provides easy to access undercover parking for 1100 vehicles. The vibrant King Street dining and retail hub is just a short walk away.

FRIDAY 12 MAY.

INVESTMENT.

EARLYBIRD | ENDS 31 MARCH

Full Registration	\$1050	QASSP or QACSL Member
	\$1295	Non Member
Day Registration	\$525	QASSP or QACSL Member
	\$650	Non Member

PRE CONFERENCE OPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Walk on Country	\$275	
Masterclass with Dan Haesler	\$495	Also available to non-conference attendees
"Agile" School Visit	\$66	
"Nature Play" School Visits	\$66	

BEAU LOTTO OPENING EVENT | ADDITIONAL & STANDALONE TICKETS

Adult	\$80	Includes drinks and canapes
	\$40	Presentation only

REGISTER | FROM 1 APRIL

Full Registration	\$1295	QASSP or QACSL Member
	\$1620	Non Member
Day Registration	\$650	QASSP or QACSL Member
	\$810	Non Member

Prices include GST. QASSP and QACSL members enjoy discounts off registration costs. If you are not already a member, we invite you to consider joining today.

FULL REGISTRATION Includes conference sessions and catering as indicated in the program; a ticket to The John Cochran Address on Wednesday 10 May; and The Neon Ball at City Hall on Thursday 11 May.

DAY REGISTRATION Includes conference sessions and catering as indicated in the program; and a ticket to The John Cochran Address on Wednesday 10 May. (The Neon Ball at City Hall is not included.)

PRE CONFERENCE PROGRAM Dan Haesler Masterclass tickets are available to all purchasers. Otherwise, our optional learning experiences are only available to conference registrants.

BEAU LOTTO OPENING ADDRESS Standalone tickets are available to all purchasers.

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