

BRISBANE EVENTS



THE QUEST FOR  
LEARNER AGENCY



# The Quest for Learner Agency

2 CITIES



8 DAYS



10 EVENTS

Be inspired by a series of opportunities to harness our collective expertise in how to cultivate learner agency. In the spirit of lifelong learning, we'll take an inclusive view of 'learner' – one that encompasses school leaders, teachers and students.

**Together, we'll explore how to bring learning alive.**

# BRISBANE PROGRAM

Tuesday 9 May

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**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
FREE

**DANGEROUS IDEAS**  
**The Precinct, Fortitude Valley**

An evening to explore the provocation: 'Technology is reimagining education, just not in the way we thought it would'. This event will bring educators together with practitioners of 'agile' in the tech community.

Monday 22 May

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**8:00 AM - 3:30 PM**  
\$275 inc. GST

**KALEIDOSCOPE MATHS**  
**QASSP Leadership Centre**

Developed in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh, this approach is about teaching mathematicians, not concepts. Build your knowledge and teaching practice to maximise student agency in mathematics.

Monday 29 May

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**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
\$99 inc. GST

**TANGIBLE LEARNING**  
**Griffin State School**

Experience learner agency in action. Open a window into the work of Griffin State School, and discover how an inquiry approach to learning encourages students to leave the school more curious about the world than when they arrived.

Tuesday 30 May

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**9:30 AM - 2:00 PM**  
\$99 inc. GST

**TANGIBLE LEARNING**  
**Woodcrest State College**

Immerse yourself in innovative practice. At Woodcrest State College curiosity is cultivated, student and staff agency is nurtured, and learners are empowered. Spark new ideas and insights for your own context. This is an experience of learner agency in action.

Thursday 1 June

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**7:30 AM - 3:30 PM**  
\$495 inc. GST

**INQUIRY AS STANCE**  
**QASSP Leadership Centre**

How 'Future Fit' are you, as a leader? Challenge yourself to be more curious; know yourself better as a leader and who you are as a learner. Leaders who are inquirers use a range of practices to guide their thinking to enhance and shift their approach.

Friday 2 June

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**5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
\$198 inc. GST  
[includes Saturday]

**NETWORKS OF INQUIRY & INDIGENOUS EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM**  
**West End State School**

Three short presentations followed by a networking event will set the scene for a Saturday program that will leverage the expertise in the room and provoke thinking about how we can improve the quality and equity of education in Queensland.

Saturday 3 June

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**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**NETWORKS OF INQUIRY & INDIGENOUS EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM**  
**West End State School**

The stories that will emerge today are of schools making a difference by building learner agency. Participate in 'ignite' sessions, presentations, collaborative sharing and generative conversations that will provoke thought and inspire action.

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# DANGEROUS IDEAS

An evening to explore the provocation:  
'Technology is reimagining education,  
just not in the way we thought it would'

Engage in stories about fast learning, rhythm, autonomy, mastery, purpose, psychological safety and the agile mindset. This event will bring educators together with practitioners of 'agile' in the tech community.

. LOCATION .



THE PRECINCT  
315 BRUNSWICK STREET  
FORTITUDE VALLEY

. DATE .



TUESDAY  
9 MAY 2023  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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## OUR GUIDES

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### Rashan Senanayake

Rashan graduated in (Design) Architecture in 2011, completed his Master of Architecture a year later and promptly changed career direction. His work since - in education, design and entrepreneurship - has led him to found a learning institute (Inspired Education, whose mission is 'Helping Teachers of Australia Teach By Design'), host the 'Inspiring Design' podcast (now in its fourth season), and deliver professional learning to thousands of students, teachers and designers at schools, universities, and conferences.



### Tony Ponton

Tony is recognised as a contributor and leader in the Australian and global agile communities. He is one of the co-creators/co-authors and VP of 'The Remote Agility Framework'. Tony has over 20 years of experience across multiple organisational change programs, transformations, agile implementations and leadership changes. In between helping organisations change the world of work, Tony co-chairs one of the world's premier Agile Podcasts, 'The Agile Revolution', Hosts the YouTube Channel 'All the remote things' and serves as a Heart of Agile guide for the global Heart of Agile movement.



### Thompson Morrison

Thompson co-authored 'The Dayton Experiment', a book that tells the story of a five-year journey of reimagining the learning culture of a small rural school in Dayton, Oregon. A software executive deeply versed in the fast, iterative learning cycles that underpin Agile methodologies, Thompson's partnership with school principal Jami Fluke ignited student learning beyond anyone's expectations. From that experience, a learning framework called Designed InGenuity (DiG), has now been introduced to hundreds of educators around the world, helping to inspire the transformation of schools on five continents.



### David Turner

David is the Director of Professional Learning at the Queensland Association of State School Principals and has enjoyed a diverse career in educational leadership in a variety of school contexts. His passion for professional learning has seen him work nationally, internationally and in leadership roles in the tertiary sector. David's exposure to Agile has challenged his thinking about learning, sparked his interest in the leadership mindsets necessary for a rapidly changing world and how education can unleash the creative potential in all learners, especially school leaders.

## THE ITINERARY

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- 5:30 PM** Introductions by host David Turner followed by our three guest speakers
- 6:30 PM** Networking and conversations
- 7:30 PM** Close

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# TANGIBLE LEARNING

Experience learner agency in action with your choice of school visits

One of the most creative ways to learn happens when we open windows into the work of others. This is where the potential to spark new ideas and insights for your own context resides.

Each school visit will begin with an outline of the learning journey already undertaken. An 'In and Out' with students and a learning walk will then be followed by a facilitated discussion to help consolidate your discoveries.

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# ANCHORED IN EXCELLENCE

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- LOCATION -



**GRIFFIN STATE SCHOOL**  
19 WESLEY ROAD  
GRIFFIN

- DATE -



**MONDAY**  
29 MAY 2023  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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**\$99 INC. GST**

Griffin State School was established in 2016 and working closely with its community achieves the very best possible for each child by embedding practices that are truly 'Anchored in Excellence'. Our Values, Humanity, Integrity and Grit are extremely important to us, underpinning all that we do. Learners at Griffin will be Literate, Numerate and Curious with programs designed to develop the skills to prepare them for their futures. At Griffin State School we believe in an inquiry approach to learning and aim to foster our learners' curiosity so that they leave our school more curious about the world than when they arrived. We believe that each child can and will learn, given the right time and support and that their continued progress is a shared responsibility in a genuine partnership with all members of our school community.

Zoe Chapman, Head of Department: Curriculum – Inquiry

# INNOVATING FOR IMPACT

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- LOCATION -



**WOODCREST STATE COLLEGE**  
38 NEV SMITH DRIVE  
SPRINGFIELD

- DATE -



**TUESDAY**  
30 MAY 2023  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

- LEVY -



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At Woodcrest State College, we work together to innovate for educational impact. This has seen a shift in the way we teach, and in the way our students learn. We don't have all the answers, but as we step into the unknown, we are coming together as a learning community and making delightful discoveries. We began our journey of transformation by cultivating curiosity, nurturing student and staff agency, empowering learners, making connections and fostering a culture of deep learning. Staff are empowered to explore diverse student-driven inquiry models within their classrooms, including our school inquiry framework, Genius Hour, Problem-Based Learning and Entrepreneurship. We look forward to sharing with you our narrative of transformation as we evolve as a College.

Tammy Ward, Primary Head of Department – Curriculum

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# INQUIRY AS STANCE

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QASSP LEARNING CENTRE  
29 BAXTER STREET  
FORTITUDE VALLEY

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THURSDAY  
1 JUNE 2023  
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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# OUR GUIDE

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## Zoe Smith

Zoe Smith is an experienced school leader with a passion for leading through an inquiry stance. In 2020, as a QASSP Travelling Scholar she travelled internationally to work with world authorities of this emerging field. In her doctoral studies she is researching how school leadership should be repositioned for a rapidly changing world. Zoe brings the theory to life in practical and engaging ways because she lives Inquiry as Stance in the leadership of her school in Brisbane's inner west.

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**7:30 AM** Registration

**8:00 AM** **EXPLORING THE FOUNDATIONS**

In this session, we will use a range of inquiry processes and practices to guide our thinking to develop an understanding of the key foundational characteristics and capacities of leading with, through, and from an Inquiry Stance.

**10:45 AM** Morning Tea

**11:15 AM** **REPOSITIONING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE**

Engage in a range of reflective inquiry processes to consider the ways in which we are currently 'future fit' as school leaders and how we can start to develop the leadership characteristics and capacities needed to be school leaders of the future.

**12:50 PM** Lunch

**1:30 PM** **PLANNING FOR TRANSFORMATION**

- Explore the pre-conditions and enablers for success as a leader working with, through, and from an Inquiry Stance.
- Engage in personal and group reflection on using Inquiry as a way to transform teaching, learning, and leading in your school.
- Determine how motivated you are to 'be the change you want to see in the world' and the necessary steps to take action in shifting your leadership approach.

**3:30 PM** Close of Workshop



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# KALEIDOSCOPE MATHS

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mathematicians in your classrooms

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29 BAXTER STREET  
FORTITUDE VALLEY

. DATE .



MONDAY 22 MAY 2023  
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
+ 7 TWO-HOUR ONLINE  
COACHING SESSIONS

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## Nicola Leslie

Nicola Leslie is an experienced and passionate educator who is currently completing a master's degree in Educational Leadership. In close cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh, Nicola is working to reimagine how mathematics is taught and experienced by learners. She believes that mathematics is for everyone and there is no such thing as being 'good' or 'bad' at maths.

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- 8:00 AM** Registration
- 8:30 AM** **RETHINKING MATHEMATICS EDUCATION**  
In this session, we will explore the foundations of contemporary mathematics instruction and delve into the issues of equity and mindsets to reimagine what school maths instruction needs to be.
- 10:30 AM** Morning Tea
- 11:15 AM** **REPOSITIONING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE**  
Using a range of inquiry and hands on activities we will dig deeper into high-level mathematics tasks, the classroom environment, and the pedagogy behind the delivery of mathematics that builds mathematicians, not receptacles of content.
- 12:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:10 PM** **MATHEMATICS TALK**  
Engaging in learning and discussion to build accountable talk in the mathematics classroom that leads to effective planning for learning and assessment of learning.
- 3:30 PM** Close of Workshop

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# NETWORKS OF INQUIRY & INDIGENOUS EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Leave your position  
at the door

The 2023 NOIE Symposium's focus on 'learner agency' will address how to empower school leaders, teachers and students to be courageous in making a difference in the world.

- LOCATION -



WEST END STATE SCHOOL  
24 VULTURE STREET  
WEST END

- DATE -



FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2023  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2023  
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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## Friday 2 June

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**5:30 PM SYMPOSIUM OPENING**

Three short presentations to set the scene and provoke thinking about how we can improve the quality and equity of education in Queensland.

**6:30 PM NETWORKING, DRINKS AND CANAPÉS**

In the spirit of genuine collaborative learning 'leave your position at the door' to build new connections, stronger relationships and engage in important conversations.

**7:30 PM** Close for the evening

## Saturday 3 June

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**8:30 AM WELCOME TO TURBAL AND JAGERA COUNTRY**

**8:40 AM WHY DO WE GATHER?**

The way we gather matters. In this opening activity connections will be made and relationships formed.

**9:00 AM STORYTELLERS | PART 1**

This morning we build on Friday night's provocations through the sharing of powerful stories from across the world, as well as from Queensland. International guests, including NOIE leaders, Linda Kaser and Judy Halbert from British Columbia, Canada, will frame the day's program. We will make important connections about First Nations ways of knowing and being, and the application of the Designed InGenuity framework in classrooms.

**10:30 AM** Morning Tea, Stretch and Networking

**11:00 AM STORYTELLERS | PART 2**

**12:00 PM IGNITE SESSIONS**

Our speakers will each have five minutes, and a maximum of 20 slides, to present an idea that will 'spark' further conversations at, and beyond, Symposium.

**12:20 PM LEARNING CIRCLES**

Deep listening builds community – underpinned by the idea that once an idea is shared it becomes the group's and that breakthroughs happen when good ideas bump up against each other.

**Topics will include:**

- Every student is known, valued and cared for. What are we doing? How are we doing? How do we know? And why is it important?
- What role does psychological safety play in our learning teams? What does it look and sound like?
- Aboriginal ways of knowing and doing. Exploring the wisdom of First Nations people.
- Taking a deeper dive into Designed InGenuity.

**1:00 PM** Lunch, Stretch and Networking

# THE ITINERARY

## Saturday 3 June continued

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**1:40 PM** **IGNITE SESSIONS**

Again, our speakers will each have five minutes, and present a maximum of 20 slides.

**2:00 PM** **LEARNING CIRCLES**

Further deep listening and shared learning.

**Topics will include:**

- Where to from here? An opportunity to commence local planning.
- Designed InGenuity and the requirements of the Australian Curriculum.
- Learner Identity – What is it and how to foster it?
- What do you want to talk about?

**2:30 PM** **REFLECTIONS FROM THE ROOM**

What surprised and delighted you? What do you now wonder?!

**2:50 PM** Closing remarks from our Brisbane network leaders.

## About the Networks

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The Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE) Queensland is a voluntary network of inquiry-based schools striving to improve the quality and equity of education through inquiry and collaboration across roles, schools and regions.

Modelled on the NOIIE in British Columbia, Canada and now part of an international movement, we are dedicated to:

- Every learner crossing the stage with dignity, purpose and options.
- Every learner leaving our settings more curious than when they arrived.
- All learners gaining an understanding of and respect for Indigenous ways of knowing.

The NOIIE Symposium is an annual event where schools share learnings, case studies, resources and reflections in a spirit of generosity, curiosity and growth.

NOIIE network co-leaders are David Turner from QASSP, Zoe Smith from Graceville State School, Vicki Baker from Griffin State School and Mandy Whybird from Far North Queensland Region.