

YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND

CHASING PAPER PLANES



The Educators Conference 2027

Thursday 21 January | 8:30am-3pm
Royal International Convention Centre,
Brisbane

Every bold idea starts with fragile beginnings – tentative launches into unknown skies where direction is uncertain but possibility endless.

At The Educators Conference 2027, we'll embrace the unpredictable flight of innovation and dare to pursue the unexpected breakthroughs.

We'll be "**Chasing Paper Planes**".



Diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome and ADHD, **SEAMUS EVANS** failed school and was destined to fail at life. But Seamus is a risk taker, a disrupter who goes against the grain and embraces a challenge. For the past 15 years, this attitude paved the way for a successful career in the media, including in television and radio, and on the stand-up comedy stage. Seamus' story is one of resilience, persistence and more importantly, self-compassion.

For 27 years **JULIE CROSS** has been empowering, energising and entertaining audiences, inspiring them with her passionate style of storytelling, to leave with a different perspective on how they see themselves, their jobs and the people around them. Affectionately known as "Sparkles", Julie is not just a high energy speaker with a few shiny soundbites. She's able to connect her message of inspiration, motivation and personal development with people at all levels.



For more than two decades, **ANDREW DOUCH** has inspired educators around the world to rethink teaching and learning. An award-winning educator, international keynote speaker, and educational consultant, he specialises in leveraging technology and innovation to enhance student engagement. Andrew is widely known for challenging assumptions, sharing practical insights, and helping teachers thrive in a rapidly changing educational landscape.



Get ready to see communication through a completely different lens. **ANTHONY LAYE** is a behaviour expert and master communicator who captivates audiences with his ability to uncover what drives human behaviour. Blending humour, psychology, and real-world insights, he helps educators decode body language, strengthen relationships, and create meaningful connections. Expect an engaging session packed with practical strategies and plenty of "aha!" moments.





Master of Ceremonies for The Educators Conference 2027

From remote outback schools to national education initiatives, **SUMMER HOWARTH** has spent her career helping learners, educators, and communities turn ideas into action. An award-winning learning designer, strategist, and facilitator, she specialises in learner agency, innovative professional learning, and system change. Summer is known for creating engaging experiences that blend creativity, collaboration, and purposeful impact.

PROGRAM | Thursday 21 JANUARY

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| 7:30 AM | Coffee on arrival |
| 8:30 AM | Acknowledgment of Country & Welcome |
| 8:50 AM | Keynote with Seamus Evans |
| 9:35 AM | Keynote with Summer Howarth |
| 10:20 AM | Morning Tea & Networking |
| 11:15 AM | Keynote with Andrew Douch |
| 12:00 PM | Keynote with Julie Cross |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch & Networking |
| 1:55 PM | Keynote with Anthony Laye |
| 2:50 PM | Final remarks |
| 3:00 PM | Close |

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