



2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LEADERSHIP IN A COMPLEX SETTING

AUGUST 8 & 9
PAN PACIFIC HOTEL PERTH

WELCOME

This year's theme of District High Schools – Leadership in a Complex Setting encompasses District High Schools and how their locality in Western Australia poses complex challenges for School Leaders. Day One and Two are designed to support the layers of leadership in these learning environments by helping to navigate the opportunities and support available to us.

Parents in our communities demand an education for their children that is comparable to city schools while our environments are varied and complex and our roles can be isolating. We must navigate the challenges and situations whilst being attentive to our role in the community, not just the school. Communities demand transparency and mindful decision making while we endeavour to deliver high quality teaching and learning.

As rural and remote Principals and Administrators, we continue to be advocates and ambassadors for high quality rural education. As such, we make great efforts to access expedient (or) convenient resources in order to support our students' learning in a range of different capacities and contexts. The rural and remote settings in which we live and work often make it difficult for us to do this. For our 2019 conference we have endeavoured to provide a snapshot of some current processes and resources available for leading schools in a variety of ways in our diverse range of regional settings.

As always, the District High School Administrators' Association Conference provides significant opportunities for the development of personal networking with schools facing similar challenges as well as great collegiality.



Haidee Robb

2019 WADHSAA Conference Convenor



PROGRAM THURSDAY AUGUST 8

7:30am - 8:15am	Coffee on arrival	MEETINGS ON 5
8:15am - 8:20am	Welcome Acknowledgment of Country - Montanna and Bella Reidy	MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 5-7
8:20am - 8:30am	President's Welcome	MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 5-7
8:30am - 9:00am	Director General's Address	MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 5-7
9:00am - 9:45am	Plenary Session: Vicki Briggs	MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 5-7

Running a Writing Moderation Session in Your School and Exploring Department Resources for Literacy, Numeracy and EAL/D

This session will provide advice and a process for running writing moderation sessions in your school. It will also explore the many Department resources developed to support literacy and numeracy improvement.

Vicki Briggs is a Department of Education Principal Consultant for Literacy and is based at Statewide Services. Her role is to develop online resources, provide professional learning and to work with networks

9:45am - 10:30am Concurrent Session 1A**MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 3****Student Support Services Directorate**

The Student Support Services Directorate offers a range of services across seven different areas. Disability Services and Support, the School Psychology Service and Student Wellbeing develop policy and processes to help schools meet the social, emotional, learning and behaviour needs of students. The Schools of Special Educational Needs work with networks, schools and students through teams of visiting teachers and support officers to provide support for students with disabilities and diverse learning needs. This session will explore the services available to build staff capacity and support student needs.

Caleb Jones has spent 21 years working extensively across schools and health settings in Western Australia and the United Kingdom. He has been a key developer of the Liaise Educate Transition Support (LETS) Model having devoted much of the last 14 years redefining traditional hospital schools to establish liaison teacher roles between schools and health teams. Caleb is a strong advocate for the need to foster young people's enrolled school connection and build collaborations which enable students to fully participate and achieve their learning potential.



Jeff Stone has held a variety of leadership positions with The Department of Education, and experience in a range of educational sectors with significant work in leadership development, flexible curriculum delivery and relieving principal roles with metro and rural schools. This experience has successfully focused on engagement with the wider community, promotion of a school culture of achievement, the development of staff skills in evidence based teaching practices and ensuring a consistency of leadership approaches.



Michael McAllister is an Associate Principal with the School of Special Educational Needs: Disability (SSEND) who support staff in Western Australian Government Schools to enable students with disability (diagnosed or imputed) to access the curriculum on the same basis as their peers through research and evidence based practice and to promote inclusive learning environments. SSEND operates on a capacity building model, providing consultancy, targeted professional learning, intensive student support and assistive technology.



Kathleen O'Donoghue works fulltime as a Principal Consultant at the Department's Student Services Directorate, specialising in child protection and abuse prevention. She provides advice in relation to the Department's Child Protection policy and procedures, and designs and delivers professional learning in child protection and protective behaviours education. She began her career as a primary school teacher but her interest in supporting children and young people managing difficult life circumstances drew her into the area of child protection where she worked for over 20 years, often on projects involving schools and school staff. She is particularly satisfied when she can play a key role in facilitating successful working relationships between Education and CPFS staff for the sake of better outcomes for the vulnerable children and young people with whom we all work.

**9:45am - 10:30am Concurrent Session 1B****MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 5-7****ASDAN: Project Based Learning for Every Student**

ASDAN programs have been successfully completed by thousands of students and adult learners in Western Australia since 2009. ASDAN is a resource designed to assist students in developing strategies and understandings to identify and overcome barriers to academic, personal and social growth and success through project based learning. These resources may serve as a bridge for further Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) courses and acknowledge achievements towards the Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA). This session will provide an overview of the low-cost ASDAN programs; the international certification and SCSA accreditation as an Endorsed program; how to get started as an ASDAN school and the supports available in Western Australia via the Department of Education.

Jacqueline Burns is the ASDAN WA State Coordinator and has led the program since introducing the program in 2009. Jacqueline after thirteen years working for Statewide Services has been the Principal of Castlereagh School in Willetton since 2017.



Julie Allsopp is the ASDAN WA Lead Trainer and has worked extensively with schools across the state with ASDAN implementation. Julie is currently the Deputy Principal of Dianella Secondary Education Support Centre.



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9:45am - 10:30am Concurrent Session 1C

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GT Online Program

How the Program Operates, Selection Process and Dates for 2020

Vani Sambhara and Michael Comber

Over 19 years as a dedicated and committed professional, I have accumulated invaluable leadership experience through the roles and responsibilities I have undertaken. Widely acknowledged as a decisive, driven and competent leader, I have taught extensively across schools in Perth, both in the Public as well as Private sector. I hold two Masters Degrees and am an experienced Humanities and Social Science teacher with majors in both Economics and Political Science. During my teaching journey, I have held various leadership positions- Gifted Coordinator, Learning Support Coordinator, Academic Intervention Coordinator. I have organized various International level competitions and travelled around the world with the Students. Apart from being a teacher, I also lecture at Curtin University in the School of Education.



10:30am - 11:00am Morning Tea

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11:00am - 12:00pm Plenary Session: Brett Hunt

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Public School Review

This session will provide an update on the Public School Review program and include lessons learnt, to provide feedback and insights for participants.

Brett Hunt is an experienced principal and school leader having spent many years leading large secondary schools in both rural and metropolitan locations. He has spent the last 11 years in school review and brings a wealth of experience to the role. As a senior member of the Public School Accountability directorate, Brett was one of the original architects of the current public school review model.



12:00pm - 12:30pm Plenary Session: Curtin AHEAD Team

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Curtin AHEAD: Inspiring participation in Higher Education

Curtin Addressing Higher Education Access Disadvantage (AHEAD) is a dynamic outreach program, fostering the potential of individuals and groups underrepresented in higher education. We work with high schools to raise aspirations and build learning skills, delivering workshops, on-campus experiences, mentoring programs and career-developing activities. Our activities raise awareness of higher education and help participants to develop the social and academic skills they need to pursue a learning pathway. Curtin AHEAD is looking to work with more schools in regional areas, and in particular, District Senior High Schools, as we recognise the unique challenges faced by students and staff in these locations. This session will provide an overview of the Curtin AHEAD program, with the aim of exploring opportunities to collaborate in 2019.

Charles Flodin, Luke Webster, Natasha Rauh, Jaz Norris, Gaenor Young, Daniel Anastasi
The Curtin AHEAD Team is comprised of qualified teachers and education professionals, with extensive experience in the secondary and tertiary education sector. Within the team, we have specialties in educational theory, aspirations raising and career development, best practice in equity outreach and research, and digital literacy. Curtin AHEAD has been successfully working with schools for over ten years, demonstrating a commitment to sustainable community development. Our team is motivated by a passion for developing life-long learners and connecting students from all backgrounds with higher education pathways suited to their interests, passions and life goals.



12:30pm - 1:00pm Lunch

MONTEREYS RESTAURANT

1:30pm - 3:00pm Plenary Session: Bronwyn Whitfield

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On-Entry Assessment – Using Data to Inform Planning

In 2019, a number of enhancements were made to the On-entry Assessment Program, including changes to the scoring and the introduction of new reports. This session will support teachers and school leaders interpret their On-entry data and to use of the reports and supporting documents to inform classroom and whole-school planning.

Bronwyn commenced her career as a primary school teacher in Bunbury over 30 years ago. She has taught in a variety of schools in Perth as well as the Orkney Islands in Scotland. In 2007 Bronwyn began working as a Principal Consultant, NAPLAN with the Benchmarking and Educational Measurement Unit and then ACARA. In 2014 she graduated from UWA with a Master of Education in Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation. In 2015 Bronwyn commenced her current role as Principal Consultant – On-entry Assessment Program, combining her loves of early childhood education and assessment, measurement and reporting.



3:00pm - 3:30pm Afternoon Tea

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3:15pm - 4:15pm Plenary Session: Annual General Meeting

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5:30pm - 6:30pm President's Networking Session

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6:45pm - 8:45pm Conference Dinner

BISTRO BELLAVISTA

PROGRAM FRIDAY AUGUST 9

7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast Presentation

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A Conversation on Leadership

Margaret Collins is currently the Chairperson of the TRBWA. Margaret has held numerous leadership positions throughout her career. In each of these roles, Margaret has demonstrated a passion for developing others to reach their full potential. During her leadership journey Margaret has taken an active interest in developing leadership within both the current leadership group and aspirants. Margaret has held positions in schools as Deputy Principal and Principal through to senior positions as Director and Executive Director of Schools during which she remained connected to school leadership and the challenges facing every leader. Margaret was an active contributor to the Western Australian Department of Education's Women in Leadership strategy and in 2015 won the Department of Education's Woman of Achievement Award. Margaret is well known in Western Australia for her understanding of schools, her insights into leadership and her sense of humour.



7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast

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8:15am - 9:00am Plenary Session: Lindsay Hale

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9:00am - 9:45am Plenary Session: Debbie Martin

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The Place and Importance of Play-based Learning in the Early Years (K – 2)

As children progress through Kindergarten to Year 2 the nature of effective play-based learning evolves across ages, settings and content. This approach is characterised by engagement, challenge, support, and differentiation. Play-based learning occurs when children's agency is actively promoted along with clear instructional intent, assessment and is linked to approved Learning Frameworks. This presentation seeks to exemplify the evidence-based benefits of this approach, to support children's successful learning and holistic development.

Debbie Martin is a Project Consultant - Universal Access, with Statewide Services, Department of Education. Debbie is a former Principal and has over 20 years' experience as an Early Childhood educator teaching Kindergarten to Year 7.

10:00am - 10:15am Plenary Session: Minister's Address

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10:15am - 10:45am Morning Tea

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11:15am - 12:15pm Plenary Session: Tom Gigg

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SAIS Dashboards

The SAIS dashboards are constantly evolving in response to new data sets like NAPLAN Online or the self-assessment processes requiring schools to provide evidence against key areas or targeted student groups. This session will provide an overview of recent updates to the dashboard and how SAIS can assist schools with their self-assessment and accountability processes.

Tom manages the SAIS application and has been responsible for the development of the dashboard displays and data tables. He has an education background previously working as a classroom teacher and deputy principal.



12:15pm - 1:00pm Plenary Session: Danielle Cross

MEETINGS ON 5 ROOM 5-7

Innovation and the Future of Work

Danelle Cross is the current Head of Executive Education at Curtin University. Danelle is skilled in Adult Learning & Development, Digital Strategy, Innovation & Strategic Marketing. After studying Marketing and PR at Curtin University, Danelle went on to work for News Limited in Perth and Sydney, Heinz Australasia in Melbourne, Marks & Spencer in London before returning back to Perth to continue her career at Curtin University. Since at Curtin, Danelle has successfully grown the renown, Curtin Ignition program to Was largest start-up accelerator. Danelle is a board member of the Small Business Development Corporation, Springboard Enterprises WA and a graduate of the MIT New Ventures Certificate and Leadership WA's Signature Program. Danelle is passionate about innovation, lifelong learning, growing businesses and people and a proud supporter of female innovators.



1:00pm - 1:15pm Conference Close

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1:15pm - 2:00pm Lunch

MONTEREYS RESTAURANT

1:30pm - 3:00pm Space Cubed

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Venue

The WADHSAA Conference will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Adelaide Terrace Perth.

Parking

Members are provided complimentary parking at the hotel provided it is booked when registering - refer to the ADDONS drop down menu on the registration page. Entry to the hotel parking area is off Hill Street between the hotel itself and the river. All onsite parking is subject to availability. Non-Members may be able to access onsite parking on a PAYG basis subject to availability. Alternative PAYG parking may also be available at the Novotel Hotel across the road from the Pan Pacific Hotel (entry off Hill Street). Please allow yourself plenty of time to park each day if travelling into the venue.

Accommodation

The Conference Office (Events WA) will make all reservations on your behalf when booked online when registering to attend the conference. For shared accommodation please contact the person with whom you would prefer to share to coordinate your intentions prior to completing your Registration and advise Events WA of the arrangements.

If you would like your accommodation booking to be invoiced or paid separately to your registration, please

1. Register to attend the conference without selecting your accommodation requirements and pay by card for your registration when doing so
2. When you receive your Tax Invoice / confirmation of registration from ralph@eventswa.com.au, send a reply email to advise your arrival / departure dates which we will then manually add to your registration and send a revised invoice for payment by bank transfer

For delegates staying overnight, the Hotel has advised that you may check in upon your arrival. Hotel staff will transfer your luggage to your room as it becomes available. Check out time is by 11 am.

Room Rates

Single Room: \$185.00 per room per night includes breakfast for one

Twin Share: \$105.00 per person per night includes breakfast for two

PLEASE MAKE ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS EARLY
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Available until July 1 only (subject to availability thereafter)

Special Events

1. WADHSAA Annual General Meeting – Thursday August 2 at 1545
2. President's Networking Pre Dinner Drinks – Thursday August 8 at 1730
3. Conference Dinner (casual) – Thursday August 8 from 1830 PAYG
 - a. The dinner is offsite with bus transfers provided
 - b. Pre – booking is required



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Special Dietary Requirements

If you have any special dietary requirements or allergies please indicate when you register online (leave blank if not applicable)

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be assessed on a case by case basis. Full refunds will only be granted if replacement registrations are received. Refunds may exclude accommodation, food and beverage costs once confirmed, due to contractual arrangements with venues and suppliers.

Registration

Step 1

Familiarise yourself with the enclosed program; clarifying your preferences for attendance days, parking, The President's Networking Session, the Conference Dinner and accommodation requirements

Step 2

Go to <https://www.secureregistrations.com/WADHSAA2019/> to register online

Step 3

If you wish to attend the whole conference program, including Thursday and Friday, choose a Registration Package from Section A. If you wish to attend or add components of the Conference such as a single day, member parking and or the conference dinner make your selections from the drop downs (ADDONS) in Section B. Delegates can select components from both sections.

Step 4

Complete and submit your registration online.

Please be very accurate because what you select here becomes your registration, how you spell your name becomes your name badge, etc.

You can select to pay by credit card OR to receive a Tax Invoice and pay later by EFT. If you choose to "pay later" you will not be able to pay by credit card. If you pay by credit card when you register a Tax Receipt will be sent. Charges apply.

Step 5

Events WA receives your registration automatically and will return to you an acknowledgement. Further details and a Tax Invoice / Receipt will follow. Payments must be paid pre-conference.

Registration Costs (incl GST)	Members	Non-Members
Whole Conference (Thursday and Friday)	\$345	\$400
Thursday Only	\$205	\$240
Friday Only	\$205	\$240