

# CASPAQ CONFERENCE 2023 CAIRNS

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023 - TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2023 SHANGRI-LA HOTEL PIER POINT ROAD, CAIRNS CITY QLD 4870

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# **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

**Courageous Leadership** is increasingly rare in society and definitely in our Church at present. This conference has that concept as its centrepiece. Courageous leaders will, by definition, embrace diversity and look for signs of hope that are emerging. Those leaders will be told to 'stay in their lane' and 'don't rock the boat'. They will be told that others, more senior or in more elevated positions, are better placed to navigate uncertain seas. A study of the history of our Church and our institutions will tell us that this is generally untrue. Great leadership can come from the grassroots. It does need to be brave and just a bit prophetic. Great leaders need great supporters.

This conference will encourage each of you to lead and support other leaders. Building momentum around thoughtful and authentic change is a team effort and cannot be sustained by individuals. It is our hope that you will each leave this conference later this week encouraged, emboldened and uplifted in your commitment to the futures of the young people in your school communities.

lan Margetts and the organising committee have done a wonderful job putting together a wonderful couple of days. We are looking forward to sharing the wisdom of a very strong group of speakers who will, I have no doubt, challenge and encourage each of us.

Thank you for being here this week and I hope that you have a wonderful experience in Cairns and as a part of the CaSPAQ community.

### Mr Dan McMahon

President CaSPAQ Principal, Shalom College

# **CONVENOR WELCOME**

The Secondary Principals of the Diocese of Cairns welcome you to this unique part of the world. From rainforests and pristine waterfalls, to crystal-clear lakes and then, of course, that spectacular Great Barrier Reef; Far North Queensland is characterised by its natural beauty and diversity!

We certainly appreciate the effort people have made in the spirit of collegiality and professional growth to join us in Cairns for the 2023 Catholic Secondary Principals Association of Queensland state conference.

The Cairns Catholic Education Diocese spans 377,000 km<sup>2</sup> and our Catholic schools and colleges are as distinct and diverse as the nature that surrounds them. From Tully in the south, west to Dimbulah on the Atherton Tablelands, and north to Waibeni (Thursday Island) in the Torres Strait, the diocese takes in coastal, hinterland and island communities.

There are 30 schools and colleges that educate more than 12,000 students and employ more than 1500 staff. There are 20 primary schools, 2 Prep to Year 12 colleges and 8 secondary colleges. One of these colleges is a Special Assistance College with campuses in Cairns, Cooktown, and Edmonton and three colleges have boarding facilities.

Wherever our Catholic schools and colleges lie, they are open to all who share in its mission and purpose and comprise students and families from all cultures, backgrounds and faith traditions. We hope that over the next couple of days, through the keynotes, discussions, and your own self-reflection, you will be renewed to continue to see diversity as the richness our faith calls us to.

Thank you to the Conference Committee of Kerry Manders, Ann Rebgetz and Kerry Swann. Thank you also to our sponsors and Shangri-La Cairns. We hope you enjoy your time in the far north!

**Mr Ian Margetts** CaSPAQ Conference Convenor College Principal, St Andrew's Catholic College

# **HOSTS & SPEAKERS**



**Mr Ian Margetts** Conference Convenor College Principal St Andrew's Catholic College



**Mr Dan McMahon** President CaSPAQ Principal Shalom College



#### Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

### "Catholic Educators and the Voice"

Fr Frank Brennan is a Jesuit priest and Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the PM Glynn Institute at Australian Catholic University, an Adjunct Professor at the Thomas More Law School at ACU and research professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

#### **Professor Simon Biggs**

### "Education in Northern Australia: Working together for a stronger system"

Professor Simon Biggs is the current Vice Chancellor of James Cook University. Prior to taking up this position, Simon held the role of Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Western Australia. He has also served as the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture & IT at the University of Queensland, Australia.







### **Ms Christine Castley**

### "Embracing Diversity and Equity"

Christine Castley is Chief Executive Officer at Multicultural Australia. Christine has previously held the role of Deputy Director-General in the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Housing and Public Works.

### **Ms Ashley Fell**

### "The top trends impacting the future of the education sector"

Ashley Fell is Director of Advisory at the internationally recognised McCrindle Research. Ashley is a social researcher, TEDx speaker and the author of the books; Work Wellbeing: Leading thriving teams in rapidly changing times and Generation Alpha.



#### **Mr Mark Grant PSM**

### "Courageous Leadership: The Challenge for us all"

Mark Grant joined AITSL as CEO in April 2019, bringing a significant breadth and depth of operational experience as a teacher, principal, and executive to the role. Prior to joining AITSL, Mark held the position of Executive Director, Leadership and High Performance at the Department of Education, NSW.



#### **Mr Lucas Felstead**

#### "Looking into the personal and organisational resource use of high performing experienced principals within Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns"

Lucas Felstead is currently the Principal of Holy Spirit College Cooktown and Cairns, a Special Assistance College that provides alternate educational pathways and boarding (Cooktown) for at risk students across 3 campuses. Lucas is currently undertaking a Doctor of Education degree through the Central Queensland University School of Education and the Arts.

# PROGRAM

### SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023

3:00pm **Registration** Shangri-La, Trinity Room Foyer

5:30pm Welcome BBQ 'The Backyard', Shangri-La Includes a Welcome to Gimuy (the tradition name of the Cairns City area), a part of the Yidinydji homelands, by local traditional owners

### **MONDAY 31 JULY 2023**

- 8:00am Registration Shangri-La, Trinity Room Foyer
- 8:45am Conference Day 1 begins Shangri-La, Trinity Room Acknowledgment of Country and Prayer Official Welcome *Mr Dan McMahon,* President CaSPAQ
- 9:15am Session One Professor Father Frank Brennan SJ AO "Catholic Educators and the Voice"
- 10:15am Session Two Professor Simon Biggs Vice Chancellor JCU "Education in Northern Australia: Working together for a stronger system"
  11:00am Break
- 11:30am Session Three Christine Castley CEO MCA "Embracing Diversity and Equity"

12:15pm **Session Four** *Mr Lucas Felstead,* Principal Holy Spirit College "Looking into the personal and organisational resource use of high performing experienced principals within Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns"

### 12:35pm Session Five

**Panel of Speakers** "Why a Voice?"

1:15pm Lunch

2:00pm

4:00pm

#### Workshop Presentation 1. Professor Ian Hunter – The

Benefits of Writer's Toolbox **2. Jo McDade,** Passionate Retreat – Getting the Best on Retreat

2:45pm Break [prepare for Mass and

3:30pm Bus to Mass Meeting Point – Shangri-La Foyer

> Mass [4:00pm to 5:00pm] St Monica's Cathedral - 181 Abbott Street, Cairns City.

St Monica's Cathedral is well known for its Creation Windows that were designed and made by Gerry Cummins and Jill Stehn and installed in 2001. These are recognised as the world's largest themed stained-glass windows

5:20pm Bus to Conference Dinner Cruise Meeting Point – Shangri-La Foyer

- 5:30pm Conference Dinner Cruise [5:30pm to 8:30pm]
- 8:30pm Walk back to Shangri-La





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### TUESDAY 1 AUGUST 2023

8:15am	CaSPAQ Annual General Meeting Shangri-La, Trinity Room Foyer
8:45am	Conference Day 2 begins Shangri-La, Trinity Room Acknowledgment of Country and Prayer Welcome to Day Two <i>Ms Ann Rebgetz,</i> President of Catholic Secondary Principals Australia
9:15am	<b>Session One</b> <i>Ms Ashley Fell,</i> McCrindle Research "The top trends impacting the future of the education sector"
10:15am	Session Two Mr Mark Grant Update from Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) "Courageous Leadership: The Challenge for us all"
11:00am	Break
11:30am	<b>Session Three</b> <i>Ms Ashley Fell</i> Workshop – Artificial Intelligence
12:20pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Bus departs - Travel to school
1:20pm	Session Four School Tour - Newman Catholic College (NCC) NCC opened in 2022 and is a co- educational Catholic Secondary College. NCC is co-located with James Cook University creating the opportunity for a unique partnership
2:20pm	Return to Shangri-La

### "CATHOLIC EDUCATORS AND THE VOICE"

## Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO



"EDUCATION IN NORTHERN AUSTRALIA: WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER SYSTEM"



## **Professor Simon Biggs**



### "EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND EQUITY"

# Ms Christine Castley



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**Mr Lucas Felstead** 

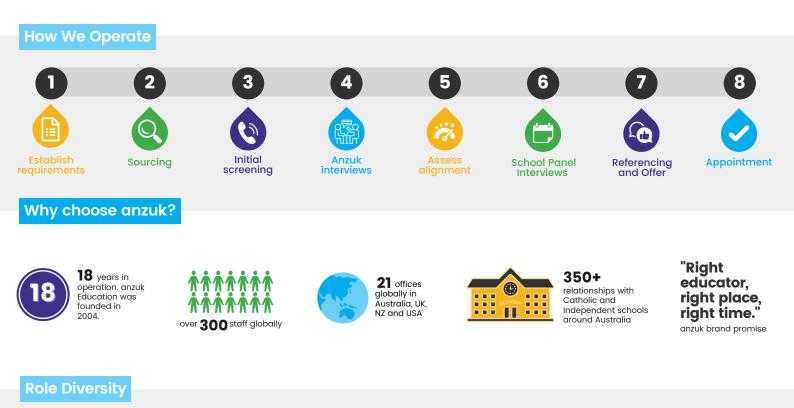




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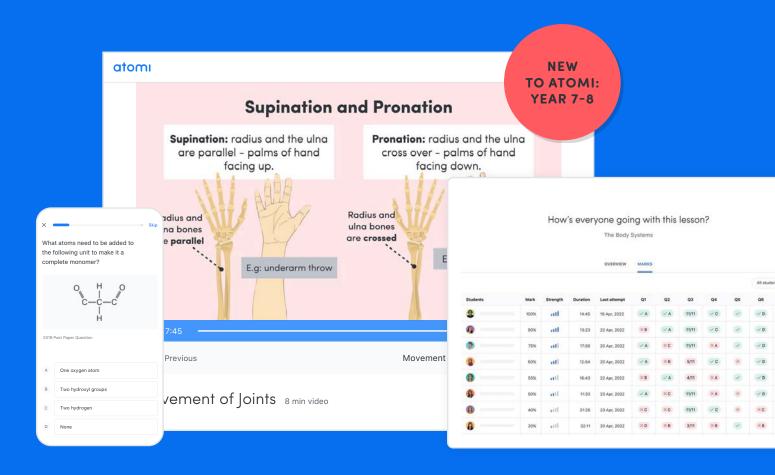
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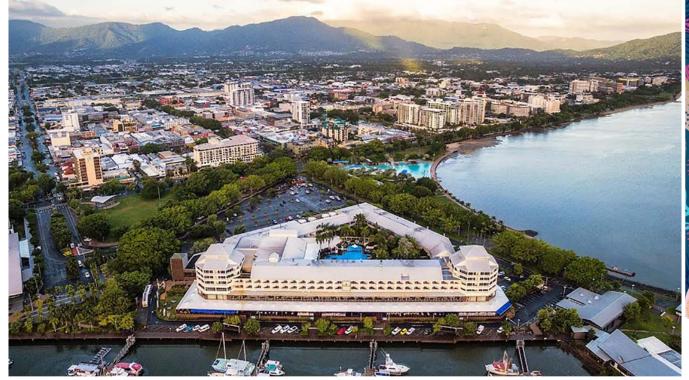


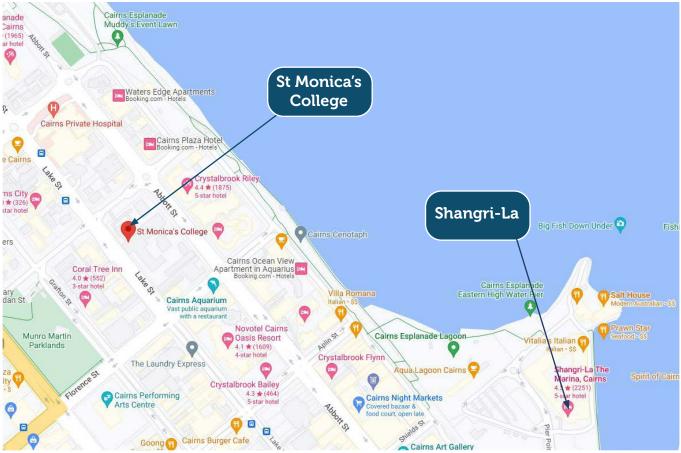


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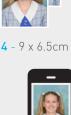




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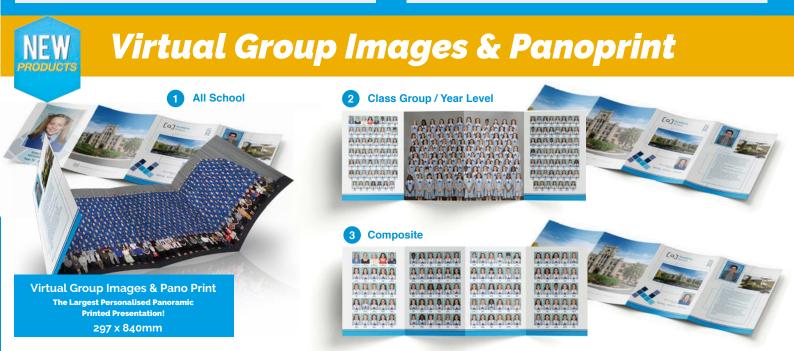


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