



CaSPAQ Conference 2023

Shangri-La The Marina, Cairns

Sunday 30th July – Tuesday 1st August

The Theme...

Courageous Leadership Embracing Diversity – Finding Corals in the Reef

Pope Francis once said, 'church leaders and church members need to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire different movements and gifts within the church'.

How do we lead in a way that responds to the myriad of contemporary challenges we face as leaders in Catholic schools?

The Speakers...

We are excited to announce the following speakers who will help us unpack our theme:



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

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.

Plus... Parallel workshops

With **Professor Ian Hunter** - Writer's Toolbox and **Ms Jo McDade** - Passionist Youth Retreat Team

Newman Catholic College School tour

NCC opened in 2022 and is a co-educational Catholic Secondary College co-located with James Cook University at Smithfield. The co-location has provided the opportunity for both JCU and Cairns Catholic Education to develop partnership programs which are successful, sustainable and mutually beneficial

Conference Mass at St Monica's Cathedral

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.

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