



# Christian Schools National Policy Forum and Symposium 2024

## PROGRAM

### NATIONAL POLICY FORUM

**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

All Sessions held in the Federation Ballroom

Held across  
different  
days in 2024

8:00am	Registration Exhibition Opens	Gallery / Atrium
9:00am	Welcome from MC: Dr. Maria Varlet, CSA	
9:15am	Praise & Worship with the team from Brindabella Christian College	
9:30am	Morning Devotions with Christin Hill	
9:45am	Table Prayer	
9:55am	K1: The Future for Christian Schooling in a Culture that Values Diversity over Truth, with Prof. Trevor Cooling	
10:50am	Sponsor Highlight (Paynter Dixon), followed by Morning Tea	
11:30am	K2: A Better and Fairer Education System, with Dr. Lisa O'Brien AM	
12:15pm	Table Discussion	
12:30pm	Sponsor Highlight (NGS Super), followed by Lunch	
1:30pm	K3: Developing an Organisational Theology Statement to Govern Well with Kara Martin	
2:15pm	Table Discussion	
2:30pm	Sponsor Highlight (The School Photographer), followed by Afternoon Tea	
3:00pm	General Meetings: AACS (held in Canberra Room) and CSA Member schools (held in Federation)	
4:00pm	Day sessions conclude	

### Cocktail Reception held in Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House

*Meet at Atrium, Hyatt at 5:20pm for bus transfer to Mural Hall. Ensure you have your photo ID.*

5:30pm	Buses depart for Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House
6:00pm	Cocktail Function commences with Drinks and Canapés served
6:15pm	Welcome from MC: Dr. Daniel Pampuch of Christian Schools Australia
6:45pm	Brief Address from Education Minister, Hon. Jason Clare (TBC)
7:00pm	Poem with Special Guest, Millie McKay
7:20pm	Brief Address from Shadow Education Minister, Sen. Hon. Sarah Henderson, MP
7:35pm	Mix and Mingle with guests and MPs
8:15pm	Sponsor Highlight: NGS Super
8:20pm	Closing Remarks with Mark Spencer
8:30pm	Cocktail Function concludes and guests escorted from Mural Hall to awaiting buses
8:40pm	Buses depart for Hyatt

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Please note this program is subject to change

# NATIONAL POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, 29 May 2024

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8:00am	Registration and Exhibition Opens	Gallery / Atrium
9:00am	Welcome from MC: Erik Hofsink, ACS	
9:10am	Praise & Worship with the team from Brindabella Christian College	
9:25am	Morning Devotions with Pam O'Dea	
9:45am	K4: The Future for Learning in the Christian School, with Prof. Trevor Cooling	
10:30am	Table Discussion	
10:40am	Global Connect Highlight, with Kathryn Button	
10:50am	Morning Tea	
11:15am	K5: How Schools can Engage with and use AERO Research, with Dr. Jenny Donovan	
12:05pm	Table Discussion	
12:15pm	K6: National Legislative Update, with Mark Spencer and Vanessa Cheng	
12:50pm	Lunch ( <i>last chance to visit exhibitors</i> )	
1:45pm	K7: Christian Schools: Telling a better story, with Hon. John Anderson AC	
2:30pm	Prize draw and closing remarks, with Mark Spencer	
2:45pm	Forum concludes with Afternoon Tea	

## SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, 30 May 2024

Event open to  
all Christian  
schools sectors

8:00am	Registration opens with Tea & Coffee
8:30am	Welcome from MCs: Mark Spencer, CSA & Vanessa Cheng, AACS
8:45am	S1: The International Context for Religious Freedom, with Mark Fowler
9:15am	S2: Establishing the Foundations: Is your school a religious body and what do you believe? with Alistair Macpherson
9:45am	S3: Discrimination Law 101 - How does discrimination law work for staff and students?, with John Steenhof
10:45am	Sponsor Highlight (Enriched HR), followed by Morning Tea
11:25am	S4: The Impact of Conversion Practices Bans and Child Safe Standards on religious freedom, with Mark Sneddon
12:30pm	Lunch
1:15pm	S5: Thriving in the "Court" of Public Opinion, with Lyall Mercer
2:20pm	Closing Remarks and final questions/discussion, with Mark & Vanessa
2:45pm	Symposium concludes with Afternoon Tea

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