



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	
9:45am	Table Prayer	
9:55am	K1: What is Christian Education in our Current Culture? (Part 1), with Prof. Trevor Cooling	
10:50am	Sponsor Highlight, followed by Morning Tea	
11:30am	K2: A Better and Fairer Education System	
12:15pm	Table Discussion	
12:30pm	Sponsor Highlight, followed by Lunch	
1:30pm	K3: Governing in our Current Culture with Kara Martin	
2:15pm	Table Discussion	
2:30pm	Sponsor Highlight, 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
7:00pm	Mix and Mingle with guests and MPs
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
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

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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	
9:45am	K4: What is Christian Education in our Current Culture? (Part 2), 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, 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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