IB SCHOOLS AUSTRALASIA LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2024

LEADING TO LEARN AND LEARNING TO LEAD

IB Schools Australasia is excited to again offer our popular Leadership Symposium in 2024. Designed for School Leaders (Principals, Heads of School, IB Coordinators and others) the aim of this event is to bring together the expertise of current thought leaders in education to assist IB schools inform and better their practice in the Australasian context. Our 2024 event includes notable experts in the education field including, Dr Adam Fraser, Amy Green, Neil McDonald and Professor Matt Bower. IB leaders are responsible for designing and sustaining learning organisations where students and staff continually expand their skills, attitudes and dispositions. All symposium sessions have been designed to be interactive and provide leadership teams with valuable insights to take back to their schools.

Networking and forming connections between IB schools is a key part of the day. The final session includes an opportunity for attendees to break into IB programme specific groups to discuss key themes from the day and share takeaways to strengthen practices in their own school context.

Discounted tickets are available for IB Schools Australasia member schools.

We hope you will join us for the IB Schools Australasia Leadership Symposium 2024 for what promises to be an insightful day.

Date
Friday 23 August, 2024

Venue
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Target Audience
Executive Leadership (Principals, Heads of School, IB Coordinators, emerging Leaders)

Tickets
$350 Member School

$450 Non-Member School

Book Tickets
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SCHEDULE	
8:30am – 9:00am	Registrations
9:00am – 9:10am	Welcome from David Boardman IB Schools Australasia Chair
9:10am – 10:00am	Session 1 – Strive: embracing the gift of struggle – Adam Fraser
10:00am – 10:30am	**Morning Tea**
10:30am – 11:00am	IB Schools Australasia Annual General Meeting
11:00am – 12:00am	Session 2 – Wellbeing for You and Those You Lead – Amy Green
12:00pm – 12:45pm	**Lunch**
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Session 3 – Leading Learning and Learning to Lead – Neil McDonald
1:45pm – 2:00pm	**Brain Break**
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Session 4 – Leading Learning in an AI World – Matt Bower and workshop
3:30pm – 5:00pm	**Afternoon Tea and Networking**
5:00pm	Close

Strive: Embracing the gift of struggle

Presented by Dr Adam Fraser

How to have constructive relationship with challenge and struggle to enable change and transformation.

The reality is any change, innovation or transformation brings with it discomfort, challenge and struggle. Unfortunately, most people see these states as a bad thing and something they should avoid. The result is they don't drive strategy and transformation. For an organization to evolve, their people must fundamentally change their relationship with challenge and struggle, where they see it as the path to growth and evolution, not something they should avoid. Dr Fraser will share the key strategies to create a Strive culture in you, your team and your students, where they embrace change, reflect on progress, learn from failures and have a greater level of perseverance and tenacity when amid change.

Dr Adam Fraser is a peak performance researcher who helps people strive to achieve better performance in everything they do. In his time he has worked with elite athletes and sporting teams, special forces soldiers and business leaders.

What is unique about his research is that it focuses on how do people go beyond their potential without the collateral damage that normally comes with elite performance.

Wellbeing for You and Those You Lead

Presented by Amy Green

Designed to empower educators to take charge of their own wellbeing and that of their teams. "*Wellbeing for You and Those You Lead*" offers practical strategies to help educators thrive. Participants will learn to integrate sustainable wellbeing practices into daily routine and discover techniques to support and inspire colleagues. Moving beyond the basics and embracing a holistic strategy that enhances health, balance, and productivity in an educational environment, attendees will begin to develop a comprehensive approach to leading wellbeing that fosters resilience and growth for both themselves and their team.

Amy Green is the founder of The Wellness Strategy, a company dedicated to creating thriving organisations and individuals. She is a published author, speaker, facilitator, and coach, recognised as a leader in her field. With a background in education, leadership, and positive psychology, Amy brings a wealth of knowledge to her work. Her first-hand experience with chronic stress and having to rethink and redesign her approach to work and life gives her a fresh perspective on what can be a sensitive topic. Amy is here to challenge conventional norms and encourage individuals and organisations to embrace innovative approaches to working and living well. She shifts the focus from reactive responses to embedded, consistent strategies, empowering us to move beyond short-term fixes to lasting, impactful initiatives. Amy advocates for embracing change and exploring alternative paths, redefining what it means to thrive in both our professional and personal lives.

Leading learning and learning to lead

Presented by Neil Mc Donald

Working in the field alongside school leaders and leadership teams we have used evidence based research and observable practices to sharpen the focus on student learning and school improvement. The session will cover the leadership behaviours school leaders can focus and reflect on as they lead and shape a positive learning environment across the school. The multi levelled instructional practices across the school that create this include; building a positive school culture for learning, mindsets, effective learning designs and creating teacher agency.

Neil McDonald is the former Principal of three large schools in Brisbane and system leader in Education and Human Resources of over 15 years, Neil has first-hand experience of working with schools and corporate organisations to create a high performance culture and develop leaders at all levels. He has had a particular focus on working with middle management building an effective leadership team through workshops and coaching both teams and individuals to reach their potential

As Chief Executive Officer of EDGE Institute, and previously CEO of the Queensland Education Leadership Institute, Neil has worked with over 20,000 educational and corporate leaders and teams from organisations across Australia and New Zealand.

Leading Learning in an AI World

Presented by Professor Matt Bower

Drawing on recent research and latest developments in the AI field, Professor Bower will lead discussions about how Artificial Intelligence requires us to rethink what students learn, how teachers teach, ways we assess, and our beliefs and attitudes surrounding education itself. A broad array of generative AI tools will be showcased, along with the educational possibilities they enable. Emerging research relating to generative AI use will be presented and interpreted with respect to implications for learning and teaching. Participants will be invited to share ways that they think teaching and assessment needs to change to prepare us for an AI future. Reflections will be shared on how we can best adjust our mindset and institutional cultures to respond to a future with increasingly pervasive AI technologies.

Matt Bower is a Professor of Educational Technology in the School of Education at Macquarie University. His work focuses on how contemporary and emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Immersive Virtual Reality, and other online technologies can be used to enhance learning outcomes and experiences. Matt has published over one hundred peer-reviewed research papers and is ranked in the top 1% of most cited educational researchers in the world. Matt is Chair of the Australian Technologies Teacher Educators Network and has won multiple national and international awards for his research and teaching. Matt contributed to the national AI in Education taskforce that designed the Australian Framework for Generative AI in Schools.