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Monday, 21 July 2025

7.00 am	Conference Registration and Exhibition Visits – Tea and Coffee on Arrival
8.15 am	Delegates to be seated in the Darling Harbour Theatre
8.20 am	Darling Harbour Theatre Opening Performance by Rhythm Village
8.40 am	Welcome to Country
8.45 am	Conference Opening
9.00 am	Simon Breakespear
9.30 am	Dr Adam Fraser
10.30 am	Morning Tea and Exhibitor Visits
11.00 am	Move to Breakout Rooms
11.10 am	The IEP Evolution Ross Whitfield, The Beach School, NSW
	Inspiring Excellence in Supporting Student Communication Bronwyn Motion, Malkara Specialist School, ACT
	Utilising Competing Pathways to Explicitly Teach Meaningful Skills and Functionally Equivalent Behaviours Belinda Waters, NSW Department of Education, NSW
	Transforming Physical Education: Embracing Innovation and Inclusivity Mitch Oxley, Lucas Gardens School, NSW
	Getting to the heart of 'IT' using Project Based Learning – Part 1 Caz Muldoon, Department of Education, NSW

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	<p>Building Bridges: Innovative Strategies to Empower Teachers and Amplify Student Voice in Trauma-Impacted Classrooms Dannielle Chapman, Niland School, NSW</p>
	<p>Literacy at Joondalup Education Support Centre Brianna Wimbridge, Joondalup Education Support Centre</p>
	<p>Beyond the Dice: Unlocking Creativity and Critical Thinking Through Collaborative Storytelling Games Andrew Kingsford-Smith, Ajuga School (NSW Department of Education)</p>
	<p>Using the Brigance Developmental Assessment as part of the Instructional Planning for Students at AVHS. Anna Bortoli, Ascot Vale Heights School</p>
	<p>Re-imagining Senior Pathways for Students with Disabilities. Dr Deborah McIntyre, Centenary State High School, QLD</p>
11.50 am	Move to Breakout Rooms
12.00 pm	<p>Autism and Bullying: “Change the Environment, Not the Child” Prof Iva Strnadova, UNSW Sydney, NSW</p>
	<p>From Goals to Growth: Leveraging Frameworks for School-Wide Monitoring of Student Growth in Learning Plans Kathryn Mccrorey, Budawang School, NSW</p>
	<p>Empowering Learning: Assessment tools and syllabus planning guides for students with complex learning needs Salam Haidar, Literacy and Numeracy – Department of Education, NSW</p>
	<p>From Illness to Wellness: How a multidisciplinary approach, with high expectations, leads to better outcomes. Claire Brickley, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital School, NSW</p>

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	<p>Getting to the Heart of 'It' Using Project-Based Learning – Part 2 Daniel Constantinou, DOE – Bowraville Central School, NSW</p>
	<p>Transforming Conflict into Connection with Restorative Practices. Philip De Zylva, NSW Department of Education</p>
	<p>Bridging Boundaries: A Collaborative Partnership Between Hospital Schools and the Georges River Environmental Education Centre Brianna Clifford, Bankstown Hospital School</p>
	<p>Harnessing the Power of Music to Foster Creativity, Inclusivity, and Self-Expression in Special Education Joshua Oshlack, The Rhythm Village, NSW</p>
	<p>Beyond the Bell: Building Lifelong Skills Outside the Classroom Through Play Andrew Bullen, Department of Education</p>
	<p>The MANIFEST Framework: Evidence-Based Practices for Engaging Students with Intellectual Disability in Learning. Katy Campisi, Sydney Catholic Schools, NSW</p>
12.50 pm	Lunch and Exhibition Visits
1.50 pm	Move to Darling Harbour Theatre
2.00 pm	<p>Closing Keynote Presentation Kristen Douglas</p>
2.50 pm	<p>Day 1 Wrap Up and Exhibitor Prize Draw Matthew Johnson, National President, ASEPA and NSW President, SEPLA</p>
3.00 pm	Teachers Day Close and Prize Collection from Registration
6.30 pm	Conference Dinner – Doltone House

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Tuesday, 22 July 2025

7.45 am	Conference Registration -Tea and Coffee on Arrival
8.35 am	Delegates to be seated in the Cockle Bay Room
8.30	Josh Oshlak
8.45 am	Day 2 Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
8.50 am	ASEPA and SEPLA NSW President Address Matthew Johnson, ASEPA National President
9.00 am	Workshop Dr Adam Fraser
10.30 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	Workshop (continued) Dr Adam Fraser
12:30pm	Lunch and Exhibitor Visits
1.30 pm	Move to Concurrent Sessions
1.35 pm	Room: C3.3 My Say My Way: inclusive voice platform for complex learners Natalie Johnston-Anderson, Department of Education, NSW
	Room: C3.4/C3.5 How can Schools for Specific Purpose implement the High Potential Gifted Education Policy? Jacqueline Lockyer, SSP, NSW
	Room: C3.6 Evidence informed debriefing framework for teachers post a critical incident Michelle Garnett, Fisher Road School, NSW
	Room: Cockle Bay Room Co-Creating Inclusive Relationships Education: The R+R Program's Impact on Student Knowledge Prof Iva Strnadova, UNSW Sydney, NSW
2.15 pm	Move to Concurrent Sessions

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2.20 pm	Room: C3.3 Use of Talking Mats to amplify student voice at the Ponds School Betty Campbell, The Ponds School, NSW
	Room: C3.4/C3.5 Do universities have what it takes to produce inspired special educators? Dr Jennifer Stephenson, Insped and Macquarie University, NSW
	Room: C3.6 Supporting Autistic Students with Suicidal Behaviours: What can School-Link do to support schools? Jodie Caruana, Sydney Children's Hospital Network, NSW
	Room: Cockle Bay Room Designing regulation spaces: A 7 step guide to developing and using regulation spaces within schools Amy Thompson, NSW Department of Education
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm	Room: C3.3 AI as Your Strategic Collaborator: Leading with Clarity, Confidence and Care Trudy Graham, Leaders Learning Pty Ltd, QLD
	Room: C3.4/C3.5 Flipping the script amidst complexity: fostering middle leaders to improve school-wide positive behaviour support practices Lauren Rolfe, NSW Department of Education, NSW
	Room: C3.6 Outdoor spaces in special education - purposeful landscape design to enhance play, learning, sensory health Mary Jeavons, Jeavons Landscape Architects
	Room: Cockle Bay Room Addressing Special Education Teachers' support needs: Insights from the Australian context Merryll-Anne Cobb-Clark, University of New South Wales, NSW

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4.10 pm	Move to the Cockle Bay Room
4.15 pm	Keynote Presentation Kirsten Douglas
4.50 pm	Conference Wrap Up and Exhibitor Prize Draw
5.00 pm	Close of SEPLA-CON 2025

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