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**Australian Conference
on Lutheran Education**

**BRISBANE
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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025

7.30am	Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee
8.30am	Opening Welcome to Country
9.30am	Opening Worship
10.30am – 11:15am	Morning Tea Break Exhibition Hall
11:00am	Poster Session
11.15am	Keynote Session – Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson Great Hall
12.15pm	Movement/Brain Break Great Hall
12.30pm	Keynote Session – TBC Great Hall
1.15pm – 2:15pm	Lunch Exhibition Hall
1:30pm	Poster Session
2.15pm	Free to Flourish Launch Workshop 1 Great Hall
3.15pm	Afternoon Tea Exhibition Hall
3.45pm	Free to Flourish Launch Workshop 2 Great Hall
5.15pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Reception - Networking and Refreshments Exhibition Hall

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025

8.00am	Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee						
8.30am	Day 2 Worship Great Hall						
9.00am	Keynote Session: Dr Shyam Barr - Educate to Self-Regulate Great Hall						
9.30am	Movement/Brain Break Great Hall						
9.45am – 11.15am	Concurrent Sessions 1						
	Mezzanine M1	Mezzanine M2	Mezzanine M3	Mezzanine M4	Plaza P1	Plaza P2	Great Hall
	WORKSHOP (60mins): Building an Inclusive Culture at St. Michael's Lutheran Primary: Embracing Neurodiversity and Fostering Flourishing Learners Georgia Pope St Michael's, Hahndorf, SA	WORKSHOP (90mins): Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson	PRESENTATION (30mins): Unity and Utju: A Tale of Two Communities Adam Yeager Unity College, SA	WORKSHOP (45mins): Developing Parents as Pedagogical Partners in the Primary Years - Building Flourishing Communities Lisa Challenor St Peters Lutheran College, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): Chaplaincy & Faith: Here I Am to Worship; using Free to Flourish to Explore Who We are Called to Be in Christ David Folker St John's Lutheran School, QLD	WORKSHOP (45mins): Leading Through Questions Tim Kotzur St Peters Lutheran College, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): 10 Steps to a Safe, Efficient and Cost-Effective Bus Service John Mcdiarmid Trinity Lutheran College, QLD
			PRESENTATION (60mins): A Compassionate Approach to Regenerative Systems Change Mignon Weckert LENSW	WORKSHOP (45mins): Primary Science: Choose Your Own Adventure. Creating space for student agency via purposeful collaboration through experiment design.	PRESENTATION (30mins): Stealing Past Watchful Dragons: Practices That Promote Student Flourishing in Australian Faith Based Schools Darren Iselin Christian Schools Australia, ACT	WORKSHOP (45mins): Assessing What Matters - Why should assessment cause so much anguish? Sharyn Mullens-Taylor Lutheran College, VIC	PRESENTATION (30mins): Beyond Outdoor Learning : A Case Study in Adventurous Education Stephanie Kriewaldt Lobethal Lutheran School, SA

				Alysha Schneider Luther College, VIC	PRESENTATION (30mins): Doing social justice in Lutheran schools - what, why, how? Tom Brennen Cornerstone College, SA		PRESENTATION (30mins): Our Journey: Developing an Education Blueprint inspire by Free to Flourish Darren Altus Christian Schools Australia, ACT
11.15am- 11:45am	Morning Tea Exhibition Hall						
11.30am	Poster Session						
	Concurrent Sessions 2						
11.45am – 1.15pm	Mezzanine M1	Mezzanine M2	Mezzanine M3	Mezzanine M4	Plaza P1	Plaza P2	Great Hall
	WORKSHOP (60mins): Self-Motivated: Techniques to Enhance Students' Motivation. Dr Shyam Barr	WORKSHOP (60mins): Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson	WORKSHOP (45mins): Free to Flourish: A Whole-School Journey of Identity, Growth, and Community Jocelyn Bakker St John's Lutheran Primary School, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): How to embed First Nations perspectives in schools with compassion and purpose. Liam Glover Australians Together	PRESENTATION (30mins): Free to Flourish: Compassion, Creation, and Learning - How can art, faith, and education intertwine to cultivate compassionate communities? Ruth Ellington St John's Lutheran Kingaroy, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): Relationships within small teams: a coaching journey Michelle Thygesen St Peters Lutheran College Springfield, QLD	WORKSHOP (60mins): Finance Sustainability LLL
			WORKSHOP (45mins): Service-Learning in the History Classroom Carly Brooks Faith Lutheran	PRESENTATION (30mins): Blue Fingernails and Platform Shoes - Unlock the power of kindness to unleash a world of service.	PRESENTATION (30mins): Compassionate Communities: Prioritising Child Safety in Lutheran Schools Morgan Brookes	PRESENTATION (30mins): A Principals Story Matthew Qualischefski Good Shepherd Lutheran College, NT	

			College, Redlands, QLD	Jonathan Krause ALWS, SA	Cornerstone College, SA		
				PRESENTATION (30mins): Lutheran Identity in Lutheran Schools: Is it a Lost Cause? Tim Jarick St Peters Lutheran College, QLD			
1.15pm – 2:00pm	Lunch Exhibition Hall						
1.30pm	Poster Session						
	Concurrent Sessions 3						
2.00pm – 3.30pm	WORKSHOP (60mins): Self-Motivated: Techniques to Enhance Students' Motivation. Dr Shyam Barr	WORKSHOP (60mins): Navigating Leadership Sabotage Building Resilience and Strength Tod Bolsinger	WORKSHOP (60mins): Break the educational mould! Be adventurous, purposeful and relational by teaching kids what they want to learn and still tick all the educational boxes David Moore Faith Lutheran College Redlands, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): Thinking at the Forefront: Immanuel College's Cultures of Thinking Journey Martyn Anderson Immanuel College, SA	PRESENTATION (30mins): Lutheran Schools as Agencies of the Gospel: Mission Challenge and Opportunities in the Australian Lutheran Church Mark Vainikka LCAQD	WORKSHOP (45mins): Cultivating Compassion: A Practical Approach to Service Learning Jodie Hoff Australian Lutheran World Service, LORDS, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): AON RISK SERVICES
				PRESENTATION (30mins): Stewardship in Action: Transforming the Built Environment to Foster Impactful Learning Karen Hill	PRESENTATION (30mins): The Purpose and Adventure of Student Spiritual Leadership Chris Mann Endeavour College, SA	WORKSHOP (45mins): Free to Flourish: Engaging Big Questions in Christianity through Socratic Discussion	PRESENTATION (30mins): Implementing a Compliance Shared Services Model in Lutheran Schools Kerryn Simpfendorfer

				St Peters Lutheran College, QLD		Julia Wright St Peters Lutheran College, QLD	Cornerstone College, SA
				PRESENTATION (30mins): Fostering Student and Staff Agency Through the Free to Flourish Initiative at Living Faith OSHC Katherine Shea Living Faith OSCH, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): Free to Flourish in Worship: Sharing Lutheran Theology Through Song in Contemporary Lutheran Schools Andrea Blakely Faith Lutheran College Plainland, QLD		PRESENTATION (30mins): Immersive Technologies for Adventurous and Compassionate Education Catherine Barnes Endeavour College, SA
	Concurrent Sessions 4						
3.30pm – 4.30pm	PRESENTATION (60mins): TBC	WORKSHOP (60mins): Navigating Leadership Sabotage Building Resilience and Strength Todd Bolsinger	PANEL DISCUSSION (60mins): A group panel conversation: Stories from Lutheran education communities engaging with Free to Flourish Sue Kupke LEA	PANEL DISCUSSION (60mins): We are Relational: Candid Conversations on the Couch Exploring Restorative Perspectives Across Lutheran Education David Folker St John's Lutheran School, QLD	PRESENTATION (30mins): From Curiosity to Faith: Engaging Primary Students in Christian Studies Through Real-World Connections helping them flourish in their faith journey Graham Maddren Immanuel Lutheran School Gawler, SA	WORKSHOP (60mins): Rowing Together: How Metaphor-Driven Narratives Boost Coherence, Engagement and Commitment Susan Carter Prince of Peace, QLD	WORKSHOP (60mins): Free to Flourish – Cultivating Growth Through St Jakobi's Kitchen Garden Inquiry Program Petrea Booth St Jakobi Lutheran School, SA
					PRESENTATION (30mins): Flourishing in a rapidly changing community: living		

					our mission in a purposeful manner Joanne Wegener Good News Lutheran College, VIC		
7.00pm – 11.00pm	Conference Dinner Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention Centre						

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025	
8.30am	Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee
9.00am	Keynote Session: Todd Bolsinger - Leading Through Sabotage: Building Resilience and Strength Great Hall
9.50am	Movement/Brain Break Great Hall
10.00am	New Christian Studies Curriculum Framework Update Great Hall
10.45am – 11:15am	Morning Tea Break Exhibition Hall
11:00am	Poster Session
11.15am	Keynote Session: Graham Catt, CEO of Independent Schools Australia Conference Wrap Up Great Hall
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Closing Worship with Communion

**Please note this is a draft program outline and is subject to change at the discretion of the organising committee.*