

2018 | GOVERNANCE PROGRAM



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AISSA 2018 GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

The Strategic School Board

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Pembroke School
Dorothy Yates Hall
18 Holden Street, Kensington Park



AISSA GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE



Welcome to the 2018 Governance Conference: The Strategic School Board.

This conference has been designed to build the capacity of Board members to ensure a strategic approach. Schools must respond to and find ways to thrive in an increasingly complex environment. A capacity for strategic thinking and planning is essential if schools are to be strong and successful for the long term.

We are delighted to have secured the services of Mr Charles Leadbeater, international writer and social innovator from the United Kingdom. Mr Leadbeater has been instrumental in shaping the OECD's 2030 Education Framework and the Learning Compass 2030 which offer a vision and some underpinning principles for the future of education systems. It is anticipated this Framework will shape the work of education systems worldwide.

Mr Leadbeater will set the scene for the conference with a keynote address Leading Schools Strategically into the Future. He will challenge Boards to consider their role in providing the type of education and learning approaches young people will need if they are able to successfully navigate an uncertain, complex and volatile world.

We also extend a warm welcome to Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG, Executive Director, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, NSW. He has particular expertise in the way learning environments can support the development of new pedagogies. His keynote address School Learning Space Design – What do Boards Need to Know? will explore the planning and design of modern learning spaces and the ways Boards can ensure there is close alignment between future focused pedagogies and building redevelopments.

The keynote speakers will also join me in a panel discussion about the role of school Boards in relation to student achievement. Building a high performing school with a focus on student learning and wellbeing is essential to school improvement and of course fundamental to the work of the Board. The panel will discuss how Boards might enhance student learning outcomes and strengthen the school's capacity to lead and manage change given current global challenges. Panel members will discuss these issues, bringing their own unique perspectives shaped by their individual experiences and contexts.

Once again, the conference will be facilitated by Mr Anthony Mackay AM, CEO of the Melbourne-based Centre for Strategic Education, Chair of the Australian Council for Educational Research and Deputy Chancellor Swinburne University, Melbourne.

To enable school leaders and Board members to reflect on and respond to the ideas presented by each speaker, each session will be followed by reflection and discussion time. For this reason, it is recommended that each school sends as many Board members as possible to the conference.

To register for this conference, please go to the AISSA Professional Learning page www.ais.sa.edu.au. Cost per individual participant is \$125 (incl GST). Maximum charge of \$1,250 per school.

I would encourage all members of School Boards to make the most of this wonderful professional learning opportunity.

Carolyn Grantskalns
Chief Executive
Association of Independent Schools of South Australia (AISSA)

PROGRAM

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| 9.00am | Welcome and introductions - Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive, AISSA Welcome to Country |
| 9.30am | Keynote address: Leading Schools Strategically into the Future Presented by Mr Charles Leadbeater, International Writer and Social Innovator |
| 10.30am | Questions and discussion Facilitator - Mr Anthony Mackay, AM, CEO, Centre for Strategic Education |
| 11.00am | Morning tea |
| 11.30am | Panel Discussion: The Role of the Board in Considering Student Achievement Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive, AISSA Mr Charles Leadbeater, International Writer and Social Innovator Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG, Executive Director, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, NSW Mr Anthony Mackay AM, CEO, Centre for Strategic Education |
| 12.15pm | Roundtable Boards work together to consider the information presented and how it might apply to their individual school context |
| 12.45pm | Questions and discussion Facilitator - Mr Anthony Mackay AM, CEO, Centre for Strategic Education |

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| 1.15pm | Lunch |
| 2.15pm | Keynote address: School Learning Space Design – What do Boards Need to Know? Presented by Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG, Executive Director, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, NSW |
| 3.00pm | Questions and discussion Facilitator - Mr Anthony Mackay AM, CEO, Centre for Strategic Education |
| 3.30pm | Vote of thanks - Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive, AISSA |
| 3.45pm | Close |

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES & PANEL DISCUSSION

9.30am-10.30am

Leading Schools Strategically into the Future

Mr Charles Leadbeater
International Writer and Social Innovator

Following instructions has been at the core, and has driven the success of, mass education. Yet in a more volatile, uncertain world, characterised by innovation and entrepreneurship, schools are now required to equip young people to solve problems of all shapes and sizes. Problems that will not come with instructions.

To make that shift, Mr Charles Leadbeater argues that educators need to provide dynamic experiences for young people through which they can learn in practice how to deploy knowledge in action, to work with others and to develop critical personal strengths such as persistence and resilience, to learn from feedback and overcome setbacks.

Mr Leadbeater will challenge Boards to consider the contemporary education landscape in order to lead their school strategically and successfully into the future. He will address the following questions:

- What is the global case for change in education?
- What is the kind of education young people will need if they are to successfully navigate an uncertain, complex and volatile world?
- What do schools have to do to ensure learners emerge from schooling as confident, able and responsible agents of change?
- How should school Boards respond?

11.30am-12.15pm

Panel Discussion: The Role of the Board in Considering Student Achievement

- Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive, AISSA
- Mr Charles Leadbeater, International Writer and Social Innovator
- Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG, Executive Director, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, NSW
- Mr Anthony Mackay AM, CEO, Centre for Strategic Education

Building a high performing school which has a relentless focus on student learning and wellbeing is an important role of school Boards. The panel will discuss the role of the Board in considering the challenges schools are facing in relation to student achievement. What do Boards need to know if they are to move their schools to the next level in their efforts to improve school practices and student achievement? How can Boards enhance student learning outcomes and strengthen their school's capacity to lead and manage change given current global challenges? How do Boards know if their schools are coasting or cruising? What can be done to lead our schools strategically into the future?

Panel members will discuss these provocative issues bringing their own perspectives shaped by their individual experiences and contexts.

2.15pm–3.00pm

School Learning Space Design – What do Boards Need to Know?

Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG
Executive Director
Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, NSW

If our schools are not changing our young people will be left behind....schools and learning must continue to change and adapt. (Greg Whitby 2017)

Global economic and technological changes have led to renewed thinking about the nature of effective teaching and learning. In response, many schools have begun to reimagine and recreate classrooms and learning spaces. However, new educational spaces will not by themselves be the catalyst for new approaches to teaching and learning. Without the right support, transitioning into modern learning spaces can be a big challenge for educators and can undermine the long-term success of new spaces.

Mr Greg Whitby will explore the planning and design of modern learning spaces and the ways Boards can ensure there is close alignment between future focused pedagogies and building redevelopments. Mr Whitby will discuss the ways in which Principals and teachers can effectively transition into new learning environments and be supported to engage in innovative pedagogies that will meet the needs of children and young people both now and in the future.

BIOGRAPHIES

Conference Facilitator



Mr Anthony Mackay AM

Mr Anthony Mackay AM is CEO of the Centre for Strategic Education. He is Chair of the Australian Council for Educational Research, Deputy Chancellor Swinburne University, Melbourne, Chair of the International Advisory Board for the National Institute for School Leadership, Washington DC, and Deputy Chair of New Zealand's Education Council. He is an expert consultant to OECD and consultant advisor to Asia Society's Global Cities Education Network, Co-Chair Global Education Leaders Partnership, Board Director of the Innovation Unit, UK and Senior Fellow, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, The University of Melbourne. He was Inaugural Chair of the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership and the Inaugural Deputy Chair of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.

Conference Presenters



Mr Charles Leadbeater

Mr Charles Leadbeater is an international writer and social innovator who has written extensively on education exploring the kind of education young people will need to shape a complex, uncertain and volatile world. He is a leading authority on innovation and creativity and has advised companies, cities, governments and education authorities around the world on innovation strategy. These organisations include the BBC, Vodafone, Microsoft, Ericsson, Channel Four Television and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

He is a respected education thought leader and is an advisor to the OECD 2030 Education Framework and the Department for Education's Innovation Unit (UK) on future strategies for more networked and personalised approaches to learning and education.



Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG

Mr Greg Whitby AM, KSG is widely recognised both nationally and internationally as an innovative educator who is passionate about rethinking the nature of schooling in a digital age and the role of learning environments and technology in supporting new pedagogies. He has been instrumental in the development of new school and learning space designs to accommodate contemporary learning and teaching, building partnerships with business, government and community.

Mr Whitby is Executive Director for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, NSW.



Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns

An experienced educational leader, Mrs Grantskalns began her teaching career in what was then known as the Education Department of South Australia, moving to the independent sector in 1988. In 1990 she was appointed Principal of Wilderness School, a position she held until 2006. During that time, she was variously Chair of the Industrial Relations Committee of AISSA, President of AISSA, and a member of the Boards of a tertiary residential college, St Ann's, the Teacher Credit Union, then known as SATISFAC, and the National Council of Independent Schools of Australia.

In 2006 she was appointed Principal of Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School in Essendon, Victoria. In addition to that role, she also held the positions of Chair of the Victorian branch of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) and membership of the AHISA Board, Treasurer of Girls Sport Victoria and Board member of the Centre for Strategic Education.

Mrs Grantskalns has been the Chief Executive of the AISSA since 2013.



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