

2019 | GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE

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Managing Critical Risks

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Pembroke School

Dorothy Yates Hall

18 Holden Street, Kensington Park

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Welcome to the 2019 Governance Conference: Managing Critical Risks.

A key responsibility for all Boards is the identification and management of risk. School Board members should be aware of their school's risks and be confident that their risk mitigation strategies and associated controls, policies and procedures are effective.

The 2019 conference has been designed to build the capacity of Board members to understand and manage key risks related to child safety, information technology and long-term school viability.

A major issue for all Boards is the safety and wellbeing of all students. AISSA is very fortunate to have engaged Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM to share the findings of The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Unfortunately, child sexual abuse is not something that can be relegated to the past. Creating a culture of child safety is an ever present and ongoing responsibility for all School Boards.

Commissioner Fitzgerald AM will focus on the key recommendations of the Final Report which include the recommendation that institutions, including schools, adopt the Royal Commission's 10 Child Safe Standards.

Ms Janet Brimson, Information & Analytics Partner at Business Aspect leads organisations through the complex area of technological change and decision making. Many Board members do not have specific knowledge and skills in the area of digital technologies, yet they share the responsibility for wise stewardship of the school's resources and strategic directions. Ms Brimson will illuminate the questions Board members should ask before committing to a process of information and digital transformation and provide new models and pathways for Boards to consider.

School Boards must lead for today and tomorrow but must also ensure the long-term sustainability of their school. Understanding the factors that affect school choice and how these might shift in response to a range of external changes is therefore an important facet of the work of a School Board. A school should have absolute clarity about its value proposition now and in the future. Mr Anthony Mackay AM will facilitate a workshop which will enable Boards to explore their school's current value proposition and its likely long-term relevance.

The conference will be highly interactive. Each keynote will be followed by time for questions and discussion with the speakers, and Boards will be able to reflect on the relevance to their individual school context of the ideas presented. It is therefore recommended that each school sends as many Board members as possible to the conference. Mr Anthony Mackay AM will facilitate these discussions.

To register, please go to the [AISSA professional learning page](#). The cost per individual is \$125 (inc GST) with a maximum charge of \$1,250 (inc gst) per school.

I encourage all members of School Boards to make the most of this outstanding professional learning opportunity and look forward to working with all of you.

Carolyn Grantskalns
Chief Executive
Association of Independent Schools of South Australia

PROGRAM

9.00am	Welcome and introductions - Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive, AISSA Welcome to Country
9.15am	Keynote address: The Board's Role in Creating Child Safe Schools Presented by Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM
10.15am	Questions and discussion Facilitator - Mr Anthony Mackay AM, President, National Center on Education and the Economy, Washington DC
10.45am	Morning tea
11.15am	Keynote address: ICT Risk from the Boundary Presented by Ms Janet Brimson, Information & Analytics Partner, Business Aspect
12.15pm	Questions and discussion Facilitator - Mr Anthony Mackay AM, President, National Center on Education and the Economy, Washington DC
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Workshop: Your School's Value Proposition and its Ongoing Relevance Facilitator - Mr Anthony Mackay AM, President, National Center on Education and the Economy, Washington DC
2.30pm	Vote of thanks - Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive, AISSA
2.45pm	Close

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

9.15am-10.15am

The Board's Role in Creating Child Safe Schools

Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM

Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Commissioner Fitzgerald will discuss the role of School Boards in creating child safe schools including the child protection legislative context, understanding sexual abuse and creating a culture of safety.

He will focus on the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in relation to the future directions schools and their Boards must take, legislative changes and preventative education.

11.15am-12.15pm

ICT Risk from the Boundary

Ms Janet Brimson

Information & Analytics Partner, Business Aspect

ICT is a pervasive enabler of educational outcomes. Trends in ICT change frequently, introducing more options for digital pedagogical enhancement, and these introduce potential new risks to the student population and school reputation. Board members are positioned at the boundary trying to support the creation of a safe contemporary learning experience. What can they do to identify the risks proactively and work with their school to manage these for best outcomes? This session will provide real life examples to raise awareness of the risks, issues and governance requirements related to information and digital transformation management within schools.

This session will:

- highlight areas of increasing risk in digital delivery
- present practical governance strategies for a school setting
- provide models to help a Board manage risk and steward ICT decision making
- discuss how to manage key risks once they become live issues.

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Your School's Value Proposition and its Ongoing Relevance

Mr Anthony Mackay AM

President, National Center on Education and the Economy, Washington DC

This workshop will provide an opportunity for Boards to consider their school's value proposition and to reflect on its ongoing relevance. In a hypercompetitive marketplace, schools must be able to clearly and convincingly differentiate themselves, be able to define their product and evolve their services with purpose and direction. Derived from the corporate world, a value proposition is a positioning statement that explains what benefit your organisation provides for whom and how you do it uniquely well. This workshop will provide the opportunity for School Boards to consider their school's value proposition, particularly in light of the shifting education landscape, and how to ensure it remains relevant to ensure long term school viability.

BIOGRAPHIES

Conference Facilitator

Mr Anthony Mackay AM



Anthony Mackay AM has just completed his time as CEO of the Centre for Strategic Education, Melbourne. In January 2019 he commenced his new role as CEO / President of the Washington DC based National Center on Education and the Economy.

Mr Mackay AM is Chair of the Australian Council for Educational Research, Deputy Chancellor Swinburne University, Melbourne and Deputy Chair of New Zealand's Education Council. He is Board Chair of The Song Room, Board Director of High Resolves and Senior Fellow, Graduate School of Education, The University of Melbourne.

On the global stage he is an expert consultant to the OECD and UNESCO, Consultant Advisor to the Asia Society's Global Cities Education Network, Co-Chair Global Education Leaders Partnership, Board Director of the Innovation Unit UK, and International Advisor to Learning Forward (USA). He is also the moderator of the annual International Summit on the Teaching Profession. 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. He is a Past President of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement.

Conference Presenters

Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald AM



Robert Fitzgerald AM has been a full time Commissioner with the Productivity Commission since January 2004 except for the five years when he was a Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Prior to that appointment Commissioner Fitzgerald AM was the NSW Community and Disability Services Commissioner and Deputy Ombudsman. A commercial lawyer by profession, he has a diverse background and extensive experience in commerce, law, public policy and community services, including extensive involvement in many not-for-profit agencies. He has served on numerous NGO boards and committees including previously as President, Australian Council of Social Service.

Commissioner Fitzgerald AM was the inaugural Chair of the Advisory Board, Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. He has been a commissioner or panel member on 17 national inquiries in economic and social policy areas. He was also the Convenor on the intergovernmental working group responsible for producing the biennial Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage Report. He holds degrees in commerce and law from the University of NSW and an honorary doctorate from the Australian Catholic University. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1994.

Ms Janet Brimson



Ms Brimson is the Information & Analytics Partner at Business Aspect, an Australian digital business and technology consultancy which specialises in improving the performance of organisations. She is an enterprise architect with over 20 years experience delivering business transformation projects for government and the private sector. Ms Brimson's focus has been on leading user-centred design projects from an enterprise perspective. She has designed whole of enterprise business, information and digital solutions across most industries including for all tiers of government, mining and engineering, education, finance and transport.



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 Association of Independent Schools of South Australia since 2013.

