Successful Learning Conference 2025

Bridging possibilities: creating classrooms where all students thrive

Program | Monday 30 June 2025

8.45am	Zoom opens
9–9.10am	**Acknowledgement of Country and opening address** David Evans, Professor, Special and Inclusive Education, Sydney School of Education and Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney
9.10–10.20am	**Keynote address** **Hope, innovation, and inclusion: AI's role in the future of learning** Sean Smith, Professor, School of Education and Human Science - Department of Special Education, University of Kansas, US
10.20–10.40am	Morning Tea
10.40–11.30am	**Feature presentation** **Beyond balanced literacy: knowledge essentials for primary teachers for successful literacy education** Pamela Snow, Professor of Cognitive Psychology, Co-Director, Science of Language and Reading (SOLAR) Lab, School of Education, La Trobe University
11.30–12.20pm	**Concurrent workshop presentations** **Giving all students a voice in their learning no matter their disability** Lesley Bruce, Principal, and Peta Avis, Assistant Principal, Cairnsfoot School; and Julie Paton, Speech Pathologist *(Room 612)* **Using DIBELS to inform instruction** Rebecca Reynolds and Danielle Hajinakitas, Assistant Principals - Curriculum and Instruction, Hampden Park Public School *(Room 638)*
12.20–1.00pm	Lunch + Poster viewing
1.00-1.15pm	**Poster discussion with authors**
1.15–2.05pm	**Feature presentation** **Trauma-aware mindsets: crafting flourishing learning environments** Marcelle Cacciattolo, Associate Director (Research Training), Institute for Sustainable Industries and Liveable Cities, Victoria University
2.05–2.55pm	**Concurrent workshop presentations** **Trauma-aware teaching and learning standpoints: from theory to practice** Marcelle Cacciattolo, Associate Director (Research Training), Institute for Sustainable Industries and Liveable Cities, Victoria University and Hayley Hender, Yarra Me School *(Room 612)* **GenAI and prompt templates as a tool for change** Teaching and Learning Support, Emerging Technology Team, Department of Education and Training *(Room 638)*
2.55-3.45pm	**Feature presentation** **An introduction to Cognitive Load Theory and Load Reduction Instruction** Associate Professor Paul Ginns, Sydney School of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney
3.45-4.30pm	**Professor of Practice - Eddie Woo** *Facilitated by: Cathy Little, Associate Professor Special Education, and Deputy Head of School (Education), Sydney School of Education and Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney* **Embedding evidence: a case study into building a research-rich culture in schools** Eddie Woo, Professor of Practice - Mathematics Education, Sydney School of Education and Social Work, The University of Sydney
4.30pm	**Conference closing remarks** David Evans, Professor of Special and Inclusive Education, Sydney School of Education and Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, The University of Sydney