

# ICT SCHOOLS SUMMIT NSW 2025

AUSTRALIA'S MOST CONTENT DRIVEN EVENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

ROYAL RANDWICK, SYDNEY, NSW



**FOREFRONT**  
DIGITAL COMMUNITY

## SPEAKERS



**Andrew Hottes**

Chief Digital Information Officer



**Jenny Weal**

Principal



Education Standards Authority

**Mike Dudarenok**

Chief Information and Digital Officer



**Michael Browning**

Head of ICT Services



Ascham School

**Samantha McGivern**

Business Manager and Company Secretary



**Rowan Dollar**

Chief Information Officer

## KEY TOPICS

- Aligning school's business priorities in line with technology & curriculum strategy
- Powering teaching & learning objectives through actionable data, AI & innovation
- Sharing examples of cyber resilience for 2025
- ICT & Business manager collaboration in a school project setting

## WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Heads of ICT
- Business Managers
- Heads of Learning Technology
- Heads of Data & Innovation
- Principals

# SUMMIT AGENDA

THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

## 8:30 REGISTRATION, COFFEE & NETWORKING

## 9:00 WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIRPERSON

### 9:10 OPENING KEYNOTE: CYBER RESILIENCE JOURNEY: INSIGHT INTO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STANDARDS

**Andrew Hottes**, Chief Digital Information Officer, Cranbrook School

### 9:40 PRINCIPAL PANEL: ALIGNING SCHOOL & TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVED OUTCOMES

- Creating a strategic vision in collaboration with IT & teaching staff
- Fostering better productivity with the use of technology
- Discussing key priorities in cyber security and digital literacy

**Tim Watson**, Principal, Northern Beaches Christian School

**Dr Emma Burgess**, Principal, Danebank Anglican School for Girls

**Jenny Weal**, Principal, The Ponds High School

**Deborah Clancy**, Principal, Lakes Grammar Anglican School

**Ian Mejia**, Principal, Hartford College

### 10:20 CASE STUDY: LEVERAGING GENERATIVE AI IN CLASSROOMS: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED SO FAR?

## 10:50 MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

### 11:20 ICT SHARK TANK INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY



Attendees will work in groups at their tables to draft an IT project proposal to secure the funding from a panel of school board representatives

Key Adjudicators:

**Michelle Dixon**, Chair of the Board, Brigidine College St Ives

**Glen Pather**, Chair of the Board, Scots College

### 11:50 PANEL DISCUSSION: POWERING TEACHING & LEARNING OBJECTIVES THROUGH ACTIONABLE DATA, AI & INNOVATION

- Enabling the use of data analytics in a functional, transparent, methodical and risk adverse way
- Creating a student-centric reflection on performance and academic growth through innovation
- Ensuring the technology and innovation results in classrooms are visible to all stakeholders & parents
- Exploring the meaning of good data in schools and what it can mean on a strategy/decision-making level

**Fiona Donnelly**, Deputy Principal Leader of Innovation and Robotics, Granville Boys High School

**Jessica Lonard**, Head of Library and Information Services, St Patrick's College

**Tony Shen**, Dean of Data and Information Systems, Santa Sabina College

**Don Perna**, Head of Information and Communications Technology, St Gregory's College Campbelltown

**Adam Wollins**, Director of ICT, Hills Grammar School

### 12:30 CASE STUDY: ACCELERATING IT RESOLUTION TO ENHANCE OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE ACROSS THE SCHOOL

## 1:00 LUNCH & NETWORKING



### 1:40 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

- Transforming student and staff ICT experience through teaching and learning technology
- Sharing challenges & opportunities on a journey towards cyber security excellence
- Exploring how virtual classrooms can transform K12 Education & learning objectives
- Fostering better approaches to managing large-scale IT projects in line with schools expectations
- Using AI in line with curriculum and assessment guidelines and create visibility for teachers, students and parents
- Student safety in education - discussing challenges & key priorities to make school a safer place
- Student reflection & data analytics - what makes your data journey more successful and how to enable visibility

### 2.20 ICT LEADERSHIP IN SCHOOLS : ASK ME ANYTHING

- Attendees will ask questions related to cyber security, cloud, digital transformation and ICT service management

**Rowan Dollar**, Chief Information Officer, Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

**Mike Dudarenok**, Chief Information and Digital Officer, NSW Education Standards Authority

**Matthew Darby**, Head of Information Technology, St Aloysius' College

**Michael Browning**, Head of ICT Services, Newcastle Grammar School

### 3:00 CASE STUDY: AI-ENABLED CYBER CRIME IN EDUCATION, WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD AND HOW CAN YOU PREPARE?

## 3.30 AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

### 3:50 FIRESIDE CHAT WITH ASCHAM SCHOOL: ICT & BUSINESS MANAGER COLLABORATION IN A SCHOOL PROJECT SETTING



- Successful collaboration strategies on ICT projects across the school
- Sharing ICT & Business perspectives on effective communication in project delivery
- Team work approach to problem solving: How do overcome challenges and conflicts?

**Samantha McGivern**, Business Manager, Company Secretary

**Georgina Liberale**, Director of ICT, Ascham School

## 4:20 CLOSING REMARKS & NETWORKING DRINKS

## 5:30 EVENT END