FOREFRONT EVENTS

ICT in Schools
Summit QLD

📅 **26 August 2025**   📍 **The Star, Brisbane, QLD**

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Leon van Niekerk
Principal
Caloundra City Private School

Laura Bain
Head of Future Learning & Academic Operations
MATTHEW FLINDERS Anglican College

Fiona Stevens
Principal
TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE — VICTORY & VALOUR

Benjamin Greenup
Director of Technology Services
BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE

Joshua Whysall
ICT Manager
SUNCOAST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Jonathan Nalder
ICT GISP Project Manager & Ambassador for The Mars Society
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KEY TOPICS

Aligning School & Technology Priorities for Improved Outcomes

Powering Teaching & Learning Objectives Through Actionable Data & AI Innovation

Building Cyber Resilience Through Effective ICT Leadership

Creating The Future Vision of a Next-Generation Schools

WHO WILL ATTEND

Heads of ICT

Business Managers

Heads of Learning Technology

Heads of Data & Innovation

Principals

8:30AM   REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9:00AM   WELCOME REMARKS

Chairperson: Scott Letts, Middle Leader: Digital Innovation and Resourcing, St Eugene College

9:10AM INTERACTIVE SPOTLIGHT

Trends and Insights on How Technology is Re-Shaping the K-12 Education Sector in Australia

9:30AM OPENING PANEL

Aligning School & Technology Priorities for Improved Outcomes
- Creating a strategic vision for the school in collaboration with IT, business & teaching staff
- Supporting ICT & Innovation with impact to build a productive learning environment
- Fostering improved focus on digital literacy & student wellbeing to encourage positive teaching & learning outcomes

Dr Bronwyn Dolling, Principal, Pacific Lutheran College
Wayne Chapman, Principal, Clairvaux MacKillop College
Tracey Hopper, Principal, Windaroo Valley State High School
Fiona Stevens, Principal, Tamborine Mountain College
Leon van Niekerk, Principal, Caloundra City Private School

10:10PM PRESENTATION

Empowering Schools with AI Tutors: Driving Student Growth and Enhancing Teacher Wellbeing
- Aligning personalised learning aligned with teacher wellbeing

10:40AM   MORNING TEA & NETWORKING

11:10AM PANEL DISCUSSION

Powering Student Success & School's Operational Efficiency Through Meaningful Use of Data & 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

John Hamilton, Director of Innovation and Technology, Mt St Michael's College
Jane Martens, Head of Digital Pedagogy & Innovation, Mount Alvernia College
Aleisha Lensink, Head of Operational Efficiency, Catholic Early EdCare
Vanessa Bermingham, Head of Innovation & Learning, St Laurence's College
Afzal Shariff, Director of IT Services, Canterbury College

11:50PM PRESENTATION

The Digital Age is here, so why is student interest falling?
- Unpacking the trends & ideas of the space industry and the Mars Society and what that means for schools
- How a pathways approach may help reinvigorate students to choose IT and digital subjects

Jonathan Nalder, ACS ICT Program Manager, Edunaut and Ambassador for The Mars Society

12:10PM   LUNCH & NETWORKING

12:50PM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

1:30PM   PANEL DISCUSSION

Building Future Cyber Resilience Through Effective ICT Leadership
- Uplifting cyber security strategies & standards through effective communication with the board & senior team
- Ensuring safe use of technology & platforms inside & outside of schools
- Engaging with key stakeholders at all levels on the importance of cyber awareness & hygiene
- Defending students, staff and teachers from evolving landscape of fraud & cyber attacks in the sector

Brendan Daniel, Director of ICT Services, Sunshine Coast Grammar School
Benjamin Greenup, Director of Technology Services, Brisbane Boys College
Joshua Whysall, ICT Manager, Suncoast Christian College
Nicole Pearson, IT Leader, Marymount College

2:10PM   AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING

2:30PM   KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Next Generation Schools of 2050

Laura Bain, Head of Future Learning & Academic Operations, Matthew Flinders Anglican College

3:00PM

CLOSING REMARKS FOLLOWED BY NETWORKING DRINKS

4:00PM EVENT CONCLUDES