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7:50 Registration and Morning Coffee

8:20 **OPENING** | Opening remarks from the Chair

THE FUTURE OF SCHOOLING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

8:30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND FIRESIDE CHAT**

The Hon Prue Car MP,
Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning


9:00 **DEPARTMENTAL ADDRESS**

Murat Dizdar PSM, *Secretary*, NSW Department of Education

9:20 **INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Mississippi's incredible school turnaround program

- How Mississippi became one of the fastest improving states in both literacy and numeracy whilst also closing the racial achievement gap
- Changing the culture and raising expectations
- Creating the strategic plan to take Mississippi from the worst performing state in the USA
- Settling on 6 achievement goals
 - > Proficiency growth
 - > Graduating students from high school
 - > Early-childhood education
 - > Capacity building for teachers and leaders
 - > World-class data systems
 - > Making every school and district meet a basic bar
- Effective communication of the goals and supporting districts to achieve them
- Using data for continual improvement
- Focussing on the social and emotional well-being of teachers, leaders and students

 Carey Wright, **Former State Superintendent of Education, Mississippi, USA**

9:50 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Principals' Panel – Addressing the key challenges in running a school today

- Addressing teacher supply issues
- Adapting to the new curriculum and a changing world
- Engagement, Wellbeing, and behavioural management issues
- Appeasing the parents

Kerrie McDiarmid, *Principal*, **St Mary's Cathedral College**

Phillip Heath AM, *Head*, **Barker College**

Scott Dinham, *Principal*, **Grafton High School**

Jeanie Brown, *Principal*, **Riverbank Public School**

10:20 Morning tea

SCHOOL FUNDING

10:50 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADDRESS AND FIRESIDE CHAT**

The Hon Jason Clare MP, **Minister for Education**

11:20 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Sector response to the NSRA and other major reviews

- Ensuring the transparency and accountability of school funding
- Improving outcomes for equity groups
- Attracting and retaining teachers
- The use of data to enhance student outcomes.

Henry Rajendra, *Acting President*, **NSW Teachers Federation**

Margery Evans, *Chief Executive*,
Association of Independent Schools of NSW

Dallas McInerney, *Chief Executive Officer*, **Catholic Schools NSW**

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT AND SCHOOL TURNAROUND

11:50 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

An evidence-based approach to classroom management

- The engaged classroom initiative
- De-escalating misbehaviour and conflict
- Maximising students' learning time

Dr Tim McDonald, *CEO*, **the Y WA**; *Subject Matter Expert*,
The Engaged Classroom Initiative, **AERO**

12:10 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

School improvement and turnaround

- What were we trying to address and how did we go about it?
- Generating teacher, student, and parent buy-in
- What we learnt along the way
- Plans to maintain this success and for further elevation

Ross Fox, *Director of Catholic Education*,
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Belinda Bristol, *Principal*, **Windsor South Public School**

Iris Nastasi, *Principal*, **Rosebank College**

Paul Sheather, *Principal*, **Balgowlah Boys**

Moderated by Glenn Fahey, *Director, Education Program*,
The Centre for Independent Studies

12:40 Lunch

THE FUTURE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

1:40 **The future of school success**

- How best do we measure and report on success within the legislative framework?
- What does transparency mean and what is its purpose?

Paul Martin, *CEO*, **NESA**

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2:10 PANEL DISCUSSION

The Future of Teaching

- Exploring the evolving role of the teacher
- Equipping teachers with the skills and resources to prepare future generations
- The future of Initial Teacher Education
- Solving the supply issue
- What can we do to improve retention rates?

Matthew Esterman, *Director Innovation and Partnerships, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Teaching Fellow, 2023 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards*

Danielle Cronin, *Director, Education Policy, Catholic Schools NSW*

Eddie Woo, *Leader, Mathematics Growth, NSW Department of Education*

2:40 Afternoon tea

AI IN EDUCATION

3:10 PANEL DISCUSSION

Generative AI and its role in the future of learning and teaching

- Creating a framework for the responsible use of generative AI in the classroom
- How can AI help reduce the admin burden for teachers?
- How are students currently using generative AI?
- Implementing practical policies to enhance the learning experience

Dr Paul Wood PSM, *Executive Director, NSW Department of Education*

Dr Sarah Golsby-Smith, *Head of Learning & Teaching, PLC Sydney*

Prof Matt Bower, *Interim Dean, Macquarie School of Education*



MIDDLE LEADERSHIP

3:40 PANEL DISCUSSION

Where are our future Principals coming from?

- Assessing the evolving role, challenges, and competences of middle leaders in today's schools
- How sustainable is the leadership pipeline?
- Achieving diversity in educational leadership
- Successfully identifying and supporting aspiring middle leaders
- How the Queensland middle leadership trial is progressing

Mike Hennessy, *Chief Research & Insights Officer, PeopleBench*

Joanne Jarvis, *Director, School Leadership Institute, NSW Department of Education*

Darryl Buchanan, *Associate Chief Executive, Leadership and Learning Oversight, Association of Independent Schools of NSW*

4:10 Closing remarks from the Chair and Networking Drinks 

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