



Sunday 15 July – Tuesday 17 July, 2018  
Cairns Convention Centre

## *National Catholic Secondary Principals’ Conference 2018*

*(Also welcoming our ACPPA (Queensland Catholic Primary Principals Association) and  
New Zealand school colleagues)*

### *Information Guide*

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# Welcome from CaSPA Conference Committee

CaSPA (Catholic Secondary Principals Australia) is the peak national body for Principals of Catholic Secondary Schools in Australia.

The key objectives of CaSPA are:

- ✓ To contribute to the development of national education policy and practice in Australia;
- ✓ To support improved education outcomes for Australian secondary students including those who are socially, economically or educationally disadvantaged;
- ✓ To support the professional development of principals of Catholic secondary schools and others;
- ✓ To provide training and educational opportunities such as conventions, forums and other meetings.

In July 2018 we expect to welcome over 300 school principals (from both primary and secondary settings) of Catholic schools across Australia to beautiful, tropical Cairns in Far North Queensland. The conference is entitled "Tropical and Topical – Leading in Diverse Times".

We welcome a range of engaging and topical guest presenters to the conference. The conference will be held in the internationally renowned Cairns Convention Centre, which will provide outstanding facilities for delegates.

There will be a trade centre throughout the conference which you will have plenty of time to have a look at over the three days.

We have created a facebook page for you to keep up to date with what is going on prior to the conference and during the conference will be posting information and images. If you have facebook, please look up "Catholic Secondary Principals Australia 2018 Conference"

To register for this conference you can click on this link <https://goo.gl/forms/N79fiSZtihHxxsU03> and fill in the online registration form or you can fill out the registration form at the end of this guide along with the payment page and email to [nsproles@standrewscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:nsproles@standrewscc.qld.edu.au) (please disregard the out of office reply).

We hope you all have a great time at the conference and enjoy the beautiful Cairns, Far North Queensland.

Thank you

Dan McMahon, Lee MacMaster, Kerry Swann, Ann Rebgetz and Eamon Hannan



# 2018 National Catholic Principals' Conference

Also welcoming our QCPA (Queensland Catholic Primary Principals Association) and New Zealand school colleagues.

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### SUNDAY 15 July 2018

2.00pm – 4.00pm	Registration for Conference Delegates – Registration Desk in Cairns Convention Centre – Exhibition Level, Wharf Street
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Conference Opening Liturgy and Welcome – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
4.30pm – 5.45pm	Keynote Speaker Address – Kristina Keneally – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
5.45pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Function with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D + Outdoor Plaza, Cairns Convention Centre

### MONDAY 16 July 2018

7.45am – 8.45am	Registration for Conference Delegates – Registration Desk in Cairns Convention Centre – Exhibition Level, Wharf Street
8.45am – 9.00am	Liturgy and Welcome – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
9.00am – 10.15am	Keynote Speaker Address – Father Frank Brennan SJ AO – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning Tea with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D, Cairns Convention Centre
10.50am – 12.05pm	Keynote Speaker Address – Professor Russell Bishop – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
12.10pm – 1.00pm	Catholic Secondary Principals Australia (CaSPA) Forum – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D, Cairns Convention Centre
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Workshop 1 (see further detail of Workshops provided)
2.50pm – 3.35pm	Workshop 2 (see further detail of Workshops provided)
3.35pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon Tea with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D, Cairns Convention Centre
4.00pm – 4.45pm	Workshop 3 (see further detail of Workshops provided)

### TUESDAY 17 July 2018

8.45am – 9.00am	Liturgy and Welcome – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
9.00am – 10.15am	Keynote Speaker Address – Jamilla Gordon – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
10.15am – 10.45am	Morning Tea with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D, Cairns Convention Centre
10.50am – 12.05pm	Keynote Speaker Address – Nick Wyman – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
12.10pm – 1.25pm	Keynote Speaker Address – Marita Cheng – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
1.25pm – 2.25pm	Lunch with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D, Cairns Convention Centre
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Panel Discussion led by John Loch (MC) with Marita Cheng, Nick Wyman, Jamilla Gordon & Father Frank Brennan SJ AO – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Closing Conference Comments – Mr Dan McMahon, Conference Chair – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea with Conference Sponsors – Halls C & D, Cairns Convention Centre
5.30pm	Conference Mass – St Monica's Cathedral, Abbott Street, Cairns
7.00pm – 10.30pm	Conference Dinner – Outdoor Plaza, Cairns Convention Centre



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## CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS PROGRAMME

### Monday 16 July 2018 – Workshops 1A – 1E 2.00pm – 2.45pm

2.00pm – 2.45pm	<b>Workshop 1A</b> – Tania Major – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
2.00pm – 2.45pm	<b>Workshop 1B</b> – Brendan Spillane – Meeting Room 8 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
2.00pm – 2.45pm	<b>Workshop 1C</b> – Father Frank Brennan SJ AO – Meeting Room 1 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
2.00pm – 2.45pm	<b>Workshop 1D</b> – Professor Russell Bishop – Meeting Room 2 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
2.00pm – 2.45pm	<b>Workshop 1E</b> – CCI – Principal Wellbeing Session - Meeting Room 3 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre

### Monday 16 July 2018 – Workshops 2A – 2E 2.50pm – 3.35pm

2.50pm – 3.35pm	<b>Workshop 2A</b> – Tania Major – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
2.50pm – 3.35pm	<b>Workshop 2B</b> – Brendan Spillane – Meeting Room 8 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
2.50pm – 3.35pm	<b>Workshop 2C</b> – Michael Stewart – Meeting Room 1 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
2.50pm – 3.35pm	<b>Workshop 2D</b> – Lee MacMaster – Meeting Room 2 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
2.50pm – 3.35pm	<b>Workshop 2E</b> – Ann Rebgetz - Meeting Room 3 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre

### Monday 16 July 2018 – Workshops 3A – 3E 4.00pm – 4.45pm

4.00pm – 4.45pm	<b>Workshop 3A</b> – Tania Major – Hall A, Cairns Convention Centre
4.00pm – 4.45pm	<b>Workshop 3B</b> – Brendan Spillane – Meeting Room 8 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
4.00pm – 4.45pm	<b>Workshop 3C</b> – Michael Stewart – Meeting Room 1 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
4.00pm – 4.45pm	<b>Workshop 3D</b> – Professor Russell Bishop – Meeting Room 2 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre
4.00pm – 4.45pm	<b>Workshop 3E</b> – CCI – Principal Wellbeing Session Meeting Room 3 – Mezzanine Level, Cairns Convention Centre

# Destination Cairns Marketing (DCM)

Destination Cairns Marketing is a Cairns owned and operated Destination Management Company, established in 1986. It is a licensed travel agent (TAG977) and operates a network of over 130 tour desks & information centres throughout the Tropical North ranging from Mission Beach through to Cape Tribulation. As the region's largest tour wholesaler DCM's instantly available accommodation & touring inventory is second to none in the region.

Since their inception, DCM has evolved with Cairns as a destination and have seen Cairns grow into an internationally recognized Conference, Incentive and significant Event destination. They are very proud of their network of local partnerships and it is as a result of these collective relationships that they are able to have played a significant role in facilitating business and leisure visitors to Cairns making the most of their Tropical North Queensland event experiences.

The CaSPA conference committee have partnered with DCM to assist our delegates with accommodation and tours. DCM have loaded accommodation and tour options on the conference website (<http://www.cairnsconferences.com.au/events/CasPAQ2018>), where you will be able to browse, enquire, book and pay for accommodation and tours of your choice.

DCM will collect all delegates' payment by way of secure online payment gateway. The delegate will be issued a receipt and tax invoice at the time of booking outlining the terms and conditions of the booking, as well as instructions relating to any incidental charges incurred during their visit.

DCM has created tours & activities webpage on our conference website for delegates & partners wishing to browse, enquire or book tours and activities prior to their arrival to Cairns.

## **Tour and Hospitality Desk at the Cairns Convention Centre**

DCM will set up, theme and staff a tour and hospitality desk at the Cairns Convention Centre at dedicated position that will have delegates easy access. DCM will provide tourist information services, tour and activity explanations and bookings, as well as distribute useful local city maps and visitor guides. Coupled with offering accommodation help desk to assist any delegates with accommodation queries. We will also promote our 1800 Toll Free number for delegates require immediate service outside these rostered hours.



# Accommodation with DCM

## **Pullman Cairns International**

### City Mountain View (1-2 pax)

Distance to conference venue: 8 minute walk

Each room features a queen sized bed or two double beds, in-built wardrobes, spacious bathrooms with classic Italian marble and your very own balcony to enjoy the view over the lush tropical mountains beyond the lights of this tropical city.

## **Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort**

### Standard Room (1-2 pax)

Distance to conference venue: 15 minute walk

Standard Resort Rooms overlooking the City Gardens or Mountains with modern contemporary design, flat screen TV, in room safe, Tea & Coffee Facilities and each with own Balcony or Terrace.

## **Cairns Harbour Lights**

### One Bedroom Apartment (1-2 pax)

Distance to conference venue: 8 minute walk

All apartments have a separate bedroom and ensuite bathroom (shower only) and include kitchenette, dining and living areas. The living room has a sofa, TV, free-to-air and Austar channels, and a DVD/CD player.

## **Park Regis City Quays**

### Executive Hotel Room (1-2 pax)

Distance to conference venue: 2 minute walk

Stylish & modern these rooms have recently undergone substantial refurbishment including freshly painted rooms, new block out and sheer curtains, and outdoor settings for your comfort. Fridge, Tea & coffee making facilities, Private Balcony, Reverse cycle air-conditioning, Direct dial phones with internet access, Cable TV and just a stones throw from the CasPAQ Venue.

### Executive Two Bedroom Dual Apartment (1-4 pax) CasPAQ

These stylishly appointed 2 bedroom dual key apartment come with full kitchen and laundry facilities as well as a 2 spacious living areas and a private balcony. Reverse cycle air-conditioning, Direct dial phones with internet access, Cable TV and just a stones throw from the CasPAQ Venue.

## **Park Regis Piermonde**

### Two Bedroom Dual Key Apartment (1-4 pax) CasPAQ

Distance to conference venue: 2 minute walk

Stylish, super spacious, modern and contemporary, these 2 Bedroom fully self contained apartments with expansive private balconies boast outstanding views over the Cairns foreshore and surrounding mountains. Large kitchen and full Laundry facilities.

### Three Bedroom Apartment (1-6 pax) CasPAQ

3 Bedroom Apartments with glorious Cairns water views. All rooms boast two and a half bathrooms with large jet bath, spacious balcony with sweeping views. Rooms also feature full kitchen and laundry facilities.

You can find further information including prices on the DCM website link for the CaSPA conference

<http://www.cairnsconferences.com.au/events/CasPAQ2018>

# Guest Speakers

## **The Hon Kristina Keneally – “Throwing the Hail Mary Pass”** – *Keynote Speaker – Sunday 15 July*



The Hon Professor Kristina Keneally has had a long standing career in politics and is widely known as the first woman to hold office as the 42nd Premier of New South Wales, a position she held from 2009-2011.

She was also the Member for Heffron in the New South Wales Parliament between 2003-2012 and served in Cabinet in various roles including; Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Planning, Minister for Infrastructure and Government Spokesperson for World Youth Day.

After politics Kristina was the CEO of Basketball Australia between 2012-2014.

Kristina is the Director of Gender Inclusion/Adjunct Professor at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management and a regular columnist. She also serves as a Director of Souths Cares, Patron of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia and Ambassador for Opportunity Australia International.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science and an MA in Religious Studies both from the University of Dayton. She is also a Political Commentator and regularly presents To the Point and other programs on Sky News.

In 1975 the Dallas Cowboys' quarterback Roger Staubach made a desperation pass in the last 30 seconds of a playoff game against the Minnesota Vikings. It was a long forward pass to his receiver Drew Pearson. The chances of an accurate pass, of Pearson catching it, and of Pearson making into the end zone without being tackled were all minimal. But there was a chance. It was a desperate act by a desperate leader in the final minutes. For Staubach, it worked. The Cowboys won 17-14.

When asked after the game how he completed the pass in such difficult circumstances, the Catholic Staubach simply said, "I closed my eyes and said a Hail Mary."

A Hail Mary pass tells us about the person in charge, the one carrying the ball, and their instinctual leap of faith and final attempt at success. Will it succeed? Maybe. Possibly not. But at least there is a chance of success.

What can leaders do to avoid having to throw the Hail Mary pass? And if they have to throw it, what can they do besides pray to give the pass an opportunity to succeed? In this talk, Kristina will give practical tips and reflect on examples from her political and sporting career to help inspire school leaders.

## **Father Frank Brennan SJ AO** – *Keynote Speaker – Monday 16 July & Workshop 1C*



Father Frank Brennan SJ AO is an Australian Jesuit, human rights lawyer and academic. He is known for his 1998 involvement in the Wik debate when Paul Keating called him "the meddling priest" and the National Trust classified him as a Living National Treasure. Frank has a longstanding reputation of advocacy in the areas of law, social justice, refugee protection and Aboriginal reconciliation. Father Brennan is currently CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia. He is superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra. Father

Brennan was recently on the National Review Committee for Religious Freedom.

*Keynote* - In a recent address, Pope Francis challenged his audience with these words “a faith that does not trouble us, is a troubled faith; a faith that does not make us grow, is a faith that needs to grow” and emphasised the importance of faith touching our heart. Father Frank will explore this statement, our challenge to empower others, and conquer the divide in our society, enhancing justice for all, embracing the importance of providing those mistreated “a voice, a place at the table and to be respectfully heard” – building Recognition, Reconciliation, Restitution, Reconstitution.

*Workshop* - What does it mean to be a Catholic Leader in Australia today and how do we cope with stepping into new frontiers?

Father Frank will lead us through a journey of reflection based on his recent experiences as a Jesuit priest, CEO of Catholic Social Services, Lawyer, Speaker and Writer on a range of issues confronting Catholic leaders and Australian society. In every role he has occupied Father Frank has been amplifying the voice of conscience, especially the voice of those who are marginalised.

**Professor Russel Bishop** – *Keynote Speaker – Monday 16 July & Workshops 1D & 3D*



Professor Russel Bishop is foundation Professor for Māori Education in the School of Education at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. He is also a qualified and experienced secondary school teacher. Prior to his present appointment he was a senior lecturer in Māori Education in the Education Department at the University of Otago and Interim Director for Otago University's Teacher Education programme. His research experience in the area of collaborative storytelling as Kaupapa Māori, has given rise to national and international publishing including the books “Collaborative Research Stories: Whakawhanaungatanga”, “Culture Counts: Changing Power Relationships in Classrooms”, “Pathologising Practices”, “Culture Speaks” and in 2010 “Scaling Up Education Reform”.

**Tania Major** – *Workshops 1A, 2A & 3A*



Tania major is a Kokobera woman from the remote community of Kowanyama in Far North Queensland. She has been recognized as a leader and advocate for Aboriginal people at the national and state levels and within the communities of Cape York. She was awarded the 2007 Young Australian of the Year in recognition of her work. Tania has also dedicated herself to supporting remote communities through her work with her company Tania Major Consulting and her volunteer roles on boards and committees that address the special disadvantages remote Aboriginal people face. She is a strong advocate for improving the health of Aboriginal women and has lent her support to a range of initiatives including: Diabetes Australia, the Gardasil Cervical Cancer campaign and as an ambassador for Mission Australia. Tania recognises the importance of working with individuals so that they have the skills and knowledge they need to define and pursue lives that are free from the bonds of welfare dependency. She believes that with good education and mentoring, Aboriginal people's intelligence, wisdom and humour can provide a strong cornerstone for Australia as a nation.



## **Brendan Spillane – “Speaking with Impact” – Workshops 1B, 2B & 3B**



Brendan Spillane is an acclaimed Australian educator, speaker and coach. He works as an Executive Coach with a range of senior leaders from business, education and elite sports. A former teacher and principal, Brendan has held senior roles at executive level on professional associations at both state and national level in Australia.

Brendan is working with a range of corporate and sporting organisations as well as with education providers, systems and professional associations. Until 2016, he was the Australian Co-ordinator of the international OUR Education Network group which works to transform outcomes for schools in several countries, notably in the UK, Scandinavia, Australia and New Zealand.

Workshop Description: The capacity to gather people well, to be persuasive AND authentic in delivery, is an increasingly valued one.

In this Workshop, we will consider how effective communicators manage to be heard above the clamour of our ‘information-noisy’ times.

Workshop participants will have an opportunity to reflect on their own communication practices and likely impact and to examine what works for successful communicators. We will use a variety of sources to examine this.

In particular, we will consider

- How to stay emotionally ‘safe’ in front of others
- Personal stance
- The importance of being succinct
- The power of the five ‘great stories’ we typically tell
- Connective behaviours that help groups to convene
- Some fundamentals for designing visual support for your message

Each participant should leave with clarity on what works and doesn’t work as well as with a basis for action in improving their own communication when speaking to others.

The workshop will focus mainly on spoken communication to both small and larger groups.

## **Michael Stewart – “Cultivating a Positive School Culture” - Workshops 2C & 3C**



There is a growing body of research about the important role leaders play in cultivating a positive school culture. They cannot do this alone, as many other members of the school community contribute to a school’s culture. School culture influences all happenings in a school. This therefore impacts upon an individual behaviour, expectations and interactions with others. It follows that cultivating and sustaining a positive school culture should be one of the highest priorities for all school communities.

This presentation aims to:

- ✓ Define what a positive culture is and why it is important in a school setting.
- ✓ Establish the benefits of cultivating a positive culture within a classroom/school setting.
- ✓ Examine the elements that influence the existing culture of a school.
- ✓ Explore the role of leadership in cultivating a positive culture.

- ✓ Explore the barriers and challenges when establishing a positive culture.
- ✓ Examine the various strategies that may be used to promote a positive culture.
- ✓ How to enjoy the principalship more.
- ✓ Celebrate what is already happening in our schools.

### **Lee MacMaster – Workshop 2D**



Lee MacMaster is the Principal of St Andrew’s Catholic College, Redlynch (Cairns). Lee has held the position of Principal of this P-12, co-educational College for the past six years.

Prior to leading St Andrew’s, Lee was the Director of Teaching and Learning at St Joseph’s College, Hunters Hill.

In 2017, Lee was the Recipient of the Cairns Business Excellence Awards – 2017 – People Management Award and the Winner of the Queensland Principal / School Leader of The Year – 2017 – Queensland School Library Association.

Lee has a deep passion for learning and teaching. He constantly strives to ensure students are challenged to bring about deep learning and that staff facilitate student learning through high quality instruction and pedagogical practices and interventions.

In recent years, Lee has had the opportunity to present papers at the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) in Ottawa in 2017 and in Singapore in 2018. Lee’s workshop at the CaSPA Conference will trace the journey the Cairns Diocese system and schools have co -collaborated in resulting in the co-creation of new paradigms which are significantly changing the way education is taking place across the 29 schools in the Diocese.

At the heart of the workshop are case studies of professional practices in schools across the Diocese which are beginning to result in improvements to student outcomes, both in learning and with their wellbeing. The story is constantly unfolding and participants in the workshop will gain a multi-faceted view of professional initiatives across the Diocese of Cairns.

### **Ann Rebgetz – Future Vision and Strategic Partnerships – Creating a High Performance Purposeful -**

#### *Workshop 2E*



Ann Rebgetz is currently, Principal of St Columban's College (7-12) at Caboolture (10 years). Previously, Co Principal of Bilngual School at Wadeye in NT with over 700 Indigenous students. Always had a passion for work integrated learning and skilling for the future. Recipient of Association of Women Educators Award for Leadership, National Excellence in Teaching State Award. Member of Australian Government Inaugral National VET Alumni. Currently President of CaSPAQ (Catholic Secondary Principals of Qld), Member of National Board of CaSPA (Catholic Secondary Principals

Australia), V-P ACSSQ, President QISS Netball. Represented CaSPAQ on the 2016 Senior Secondary Assessment Review Task Force in Qld. Member of the Australian Catholic Technical & Vocational Colleges Association, and National Schools Strategy Group Advisory Committee for ARU.

St Columban’s College, Caboolture, Qld has earned a reputation as an innovative and leading school in creating equitable vocational pathways. Entrepreneurial skills are encouraged in hospitality, hairdressing, technology, winemaking, Christian ministry, café culture precinct, creative arts, sport, health, business and in a new STEAM centre. St Columban’s received the School Pathways to VET Award at the 2014 Australian Training Awards, having been one of three National finalists in 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017 and Qld Small Training Provider of the Year 2017. This presentation explores the journey of establishing changed cultural thinking providing a topical blueprint to model to others.

**Jamila Gordon - Former Refugee, Director and Global CIO GetSwift Ltd & Keynote Speaker - Keynote**

*Speaker – Tuesday 17 July*



Jamila Gordon arrived in Australia having escaped the Somalian civil war, via Kenya, on her own. At the age of just 18, she set about learning English before studying IT at La Trobe University.

Jamila's intelligence, aptitude and determination have led her on the journey to a global career, with has included some of the world's biggest brands including Qantas, CIMIC (formerly Leighton Holdings) and IBM.

An inspirational and motivational speaker, Jamila speaks with honesty, humour and dignity. She uses her story to deliver memorable messages about the importance of dreaming big, the keys to effective leadership amidst change, and the crucial role of resilience and positivity.

Jamila Gordon will speak about 'The power of dreams and having the courage to pursue them' – Jamila's personal goals have constantly expanded and grown. As a young girl, her dream was simply to avoid being married off at the age of thirteen, as most of her cousins had been. In Kenya, her dream was simply to survive. Today she is living her greatest dream yet: steering the rapid growth and global expansion of a best-in-class publicly-listed tech & digital businesses as well as unlisted startups.

Leading effectively through challenge and complexity – Jamila has built her career on her capacity to bring diverse groups together and drive transformational change, at scale. She shares the leadership principles that have served her well.

The role of resilience and positivity – Jamila's has faced major challenges throughout her life, yet she has always found that the greatest adversity also brings the seed of opportunity. It is the developable capacity to bounce back and remain positive that is crucial to success.

**Nick Wyman – "Skilling UP: Why Skills-Based Training Is the Perfect Fit for Young Adults" – Keynote Speaker**

*– Tuesday 17 July*



Nicholas is the CEO of the Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation, which is a global enterprise, committed to skills and workforce development in today and tomorrow's workplace. He has spent the last 20 years, consulting, writing, speaking and leading the conversation toward helping organizations and individuals map a pathway to a more secure and prosperous future. He is the author of Job U: Find your path to a successful career in a tough job market. He is a Winston Churchill Fellow, holds an MBA and have studied at Harvard Business School and the Kennedy School of Government.

He Co -Founded Skilling Australia Foundation that has been engaged b the Australian Government to roll out the 14 P-TECH STEM schools across the country.

Skills training is a natural match for the entrepreneurial mindset of this generation—Getting a cluster of skills that can evolve, ensuring young people don't obtain just one degree and become 'locked in' is a critical ingredient to a successful and rewarding career. Studies support that young people don't want to have the same job for a lifetime. They want the opportunity to change and grow; they want to cultivate an "entrepreneurial attitude" towards their work life. Nick's presentation will explore how to connect motivated students to the jobs of the 21st Century. Nick will give an insight into his conversations with employers. How they think and how they hire.

**Marita Cheng – “The Gender Divide: Strategies to get girls into engineering and technology” – Keynote Speaker – Tuesday 17 July**



Marita Cheng was the 2012 Young Australian of the Year and is a technology entrepreneur and women in technology advocate. Marita Cheng is the founder and CEO of Aubot (formerly 2Mar Robotics), which makes a telepresence robot, Teleport, for kids with cancer in hospital to attend school, people with a disability to attend work and to monitor and socialise with elderly people. As well as telepresence robots, Aubot does research and development in robotic arms, virtual reality and autonomous mapping and navigation.

Marita was named the 2012 Young Australian of the Year for demonstrating vision and leadership well beyond her years as the Founder and Executive Director of Robogals Global. Noticing the low number of girls in her engineering classes at the University of Melbourne, Marita rounded up her fellow engineering peers and they went to schools to teach girls robotics, as a way to encourage girls into engineering.

Marita was born in Cairns, Queensland, Australia. She grew up in housing commission with her brother and single-parent mother, who worked as a hotel room cleaner. She graduated from high school in 2006 in the top 0.2% of the nation, and that year was awarded Cairns Young Citizen of the Year for her volunteering and extra-curricula efforts, which included winning awards for mathematics, Japanese and piano. Marita speaks English, Cantonese and Japanese.

Marita has a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) / Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of Melbourne. She serves on the boards of Robogals Global, the Foundation for Young Australians, and RMIT's New Enterprise Investment Fund, where she helps decide on startup investments, the Victorian State Innovation Expert Panel, and the Clinton Health Access Initiative's Tech Advisory Board. In her spare time, Marita enjoys reading, travelling and daydreaming.

Marita Cheng will share her journey from starting up Robogals to getting girls interested in engineering, founding Aipoly and using AI to help the blind navigate, to the robots she builds today in Aubot.

With nothing but a vision and dogged determination, Robogals now has 31 chapters in 11 countries and has taught 70,000 girls robotics workshops.

In 2012, Marita was named Young Australian of the Year and in 2016, Marita was named an Asia Society Game Changer at the United Nations.

Marita will show you the robots of tomorrow and how AI will shape our future in ways greater than we can imagine today. From machines that can process data accurately and at a greater speed than humans, to robots that get the job done and don't answer back.

There is much to think about and prepare for as we create the future of work, but most importantly - how we as humans can contribute.

With relentless enthusiasm, optimism and wanting to live life to the fullest, Marita shows that anything is possible.

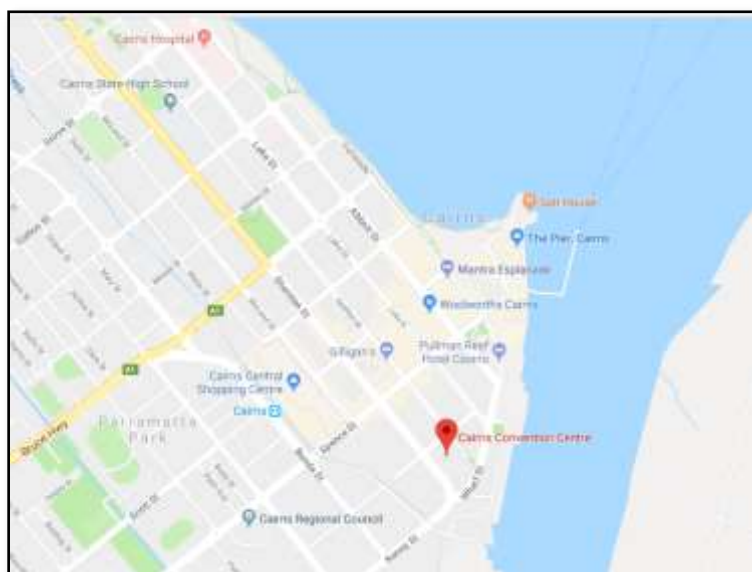
# Cairns Convention Centre



The Cairns Convention Centre is situated on the shores of the Great Barrier Reef and surrounded by the oldest rainforest on earth. It is located 10 minutes from the airport and walking distance to the heart of Cairns City Centre.

The Cairns Convention Centre has won many awards since opening in 1996 for building design and operational performance.

The CaSPA Conference Committee has been working with the Cairns Convention Centre to ensure we have a very successful conference.



# St Monica's Cathedral

St Monica's Old Cathedral is a heritage-listed former Roman Catholic cathedral at Minnie Street, Cairns, Cairns Region, Queensland, Australia. It was designed by Lawrence and Lordan and was built in 1927 by Michael Garvey. It is also known as St Monica's Cathedral and St Monica's Church & School. It was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 1 July 1997.



The Cathedral is well known for the famous stained glass windows. Stained-glass artists, Gerry Cummins and Jill Stehn spent two years designing the windows and four years building the largest theme stained glass windows in the world depicting the creation according to the book of Genesis.

The windows are a popular tourist attraction and everyday tourists are taken up with the world's largest themed stained glass windows. There are 24 windows (12 along each side) depicting the story of creation taken from the Book of Genesis. These are aptly named the Creation Windows.

On the Abbott Street end surrounding the main entrance are the Peace Windows commemorating 50 years of Peace in the Pacific.

Around the border is the word PAX (Latin for PEACE) written in 28 other languages, so that whatever part of the world you are from, the word for "peace" may be recognised. Every other word can be read from inside or outside, offering peace" not only within the cathedral but to those passing by on the street.



As part of the Conference we will be holding a Conference Mass at St Monica's Cathedral with Bishop James Foley.

The Cathedral is a 20 minute walk from the Cairns Convention Centre.

# Payment Details

Registration costs for the conference is **\$860** per delegate if paid before **Monday 30 April 2018** (early bird offer). Cost after 30 April 2018 will be \$960. If you wish to have a guest at the Conference Dinner (Tuesday 17 July), the cost for your guest will be \$130. Registration and conference dinner payments will be made to St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch Valley, QLD. You have two options for payment:

- ✓ Credit card (via phone or email);
- ✓ Direct transfer to St Andrew's Catholic College account

If you are paying for more than one delegate please advise when making the payment. If paying via direct transfer please use the surnames of all delegates as a reference.

## **Direct Transfer to St Andrew's Catholic College**

Please ensure you use your name and CaSPA as your reference.

Account Name: St Andrew's Catholic College

BSB Number: 084 352

Account Number: 000010364

Reference: CaSPA – "Surname of delegate/s"

## **Credit Card (via phone or email)**

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# Registration Form



Catholic Secondary Principal Australia is holding their 2018 Conference in Cairns, Far North Queensland.

Sunday 15 July 2018 - Tuesday 17 July 2018. The weather is great in Cairns at that time of the year so why not make a holiday of it at the same time.

**PLEASE NOTE: A separate registration form must be filled out for each person attending the conference.**

1. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. School/ College Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_
4. State: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please tick one of the below:
  - Primary School
  - Secondary School/ College
  - Prep – Year 12 School/ College
  - Other – Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please tick your position in your School/ College
  - Principal
  - Deputy Principal
  - APRE
  - Leadership Team
  - Other – Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
7. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will you be bringing family to Cairns?
  - Yes
  - No
9. Will you be attending the Conference Opening and Session 1 – Sunday 15 July 2018 – 4:00pm – 5:45pm?
  - Yes
  - No
10. Will you be attending the Welcome Function – Sunday 15 July 2018 – 5:45pm – 7:00pm? (Finger food provided)
  - Yes
  - No



11. Workshop 1 – Monday 16 July 2018 – 2:00pm – 2:45pm – Please select which workshop you would like to attend as per the Conference Information Guide.
  - Workshop 1A – Tania Major
  - Workshop 1B – Brendan Spillane
  - Workshop 1C – Father Frank Brennan
  - Workshop 1D – Professor Russel Bishop
  - Workshop 1E – CCI – Principal Wellbeing Session
12. Workshop 2 – Monday 16 July 2018 – 2:50pm – 3:35pm – Please select which workshop you would like to attend as per the Conference Information Guide.
  - Workshop 2A – Tania Major
  - Workshop 2B – Brendan Spillane
  - Workshop 2C – Michael Stewart
  - Workshop 2D – Lee MacMaster
  - Workshop 2E – Ann Rebgetz
13. Workshop 3 – Monday 16 July 2018 – 4:00pm – 4:45pm – Please select which workshop you would like to attend as per the Conference Information Guide.
  - Workshop 3A – Tania Major
  - Workshop 3B – Brendan Spillane
  - Workshop 3C – Michael Stewart
  - Workshop 3D – Professor Russel Bishop
  - Workshop 3E – CCI – Principal Wellbeing Session
14. Will you be attending the Conference Dinner on Tuesday 17 July 2018 – 7:00pm – 10:30pm?
  - Yes – please answer the following question
  - No
15. Will you be bringing a guest/ partner to the dinner? (Extra cost of \$130)
  - Yes – please answer the following question
  - No
16. How many guests will be attending the Conference Dinner? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Please advise your guest/s name/s: \_\_\_\_\_
18. Do you or your guests have any dietary requirements? If yes please specify  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Payment for the registration will be \$860 (early bird) or \$960 (after early bird). Payment for guests at the Conference Dinner will be \$130 each. Options for payments are:
- Credit Card – Please fill out the payment details form in the Conference Information Guide and email to [nsproles@standrewscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:nsproles@standrewscc.qld.edu.au)
  - Direct Transfer – Payment details are: BSB: 084 352 Account Number: 000010364. Reference please use “Caspa and surnames of delegates”.