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The WA Education Summit 2026

# DIGITAL RISK TO RESILIENCE

Building Stronger, Safer Schools



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## EVENT PROGRAM

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
OPTUS STADIUM  
7:30AM - 5PM

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### REGISTRATIONS OPEN

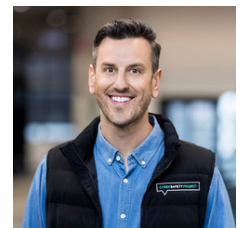
Beat the queues and arrive early to collect your complimentary gift and freshly made barista coffee at the Acer Coffee Cart. Discover the latest offerings from our sponsors and network with peers before the event kicks off.



8:30AM

### INTRODUCTIONS AND HOUSEKEEPING

Trent Ray is an experienced educator and digital learning specialist with more than 17 years in Victorian schools. Co-Founder of the Cyber Safety Project and Director of Collective Education Australia, he helps schools build safe digital cultures and empower students online.



MC, TRENT RAY

8:40AM

### WELCOME TO COUNTRY

JOSEPH BANKS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Students from Joseph Banks Secondary College perform the Welcome to Country.

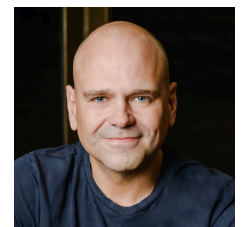


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### EVERY STUDENT SUPPORTED. EVERY TEACHER EMPOWERED.

KEYNOTE  
DAWID NAUDE

Imagine every student supported by a personal tutor and every teacher by an AI assistant. In this engaging keynote, Dawid explores how AI can transform education — personalising learning, reducing teacher workload and helping schools unlock the full potential of every learner.

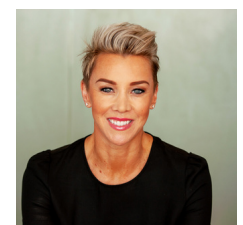


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### FROM DIGITAL RISK TO RESILIENCE: SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

KEYNOTE  
YASMIN LONDON

Digital environments are reshaping how students form relationships and experience harm. In this keynote, Yasmin explores emerging threats — from cyberbullying among girls to image-based abuse and deepfakes — and shares practical insights to strengthen safeguarding and build safer communities.



Indulge in a selection of delicious refreshments while taking the opportunity to connect with our valued sponsors. Visit their exhibition stands to discover innovative products, services and ideas designed to support teaching, learning, technology and leadership in your school.



## 11:30AM – 12:15PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION 1

**IT MANAGEMENT  
RIVER ROOM 1**
***USING AI TO UNDERSTAND  
COMMUNITY SENTIMENT AND  
DRIVE ENROLMENT GROWTH***

**TAMJID AIJAZI**
**CIO, Australian Islamic College**

Schools are seeking better ways to understand and improve community experience. This session explores how AI-driven sentiment analysis provides real-time insight into parent and student interactions. Using AIC examples, Tamjid demonstrates how improved sentiment strengthened trust, increased reenrolments, and offers practical strategies schools can apply in their own environments.

**LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE  
RIVER ROOM 2**
***LEADING DIFFICULT  
CONVERSATIONS IN SCHOOLS***

**KELLY SMITH**
**Director, PACE Leadership**

Strong leadership requires confidence to lead clear, respectful performance conversations. In this practical session, Kelly introduces a simple structure to help school leaders address underperformance, including expectations around professional technology use. Through examples, participants learn how to maintain accountability while preserving trust and psychological safety.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING  
RIVER ROOM 3**
***DESIGN SMARTER LESSONS  
WITH CANVA MAGIC***

**JO MUIRHEAD**
**Learning Consultant, Canva**

In an evolving digital world, educators help students build confidence, resilience and safe online habits. In this practical workshop, Jo explores Canva's Magic tools and how they support teaching, learning and classroom creativity. Participants will design engaging resources, experiment with Code for Me and create student-led activities that strengthen digital literacy, critical thinking and responsible technology use.

**IT MANAGEMENT  
RIVER ROOM 1**
***MANAGING MACS SECURELY  
AT SCALE***


**PATRICK LAWRENCE &  
BRENNAN GODFREY**  
Apple | Solutions IT

As Mac adoption grows in schools, IT teams must deploy, manage and secure devices efficiently. This session explores modern device management approaches that enable zero-touch deployment, automated policy enforcement and consistent security. Learn how to maintain control, enforce compliance, protect student and staff data, and reduce manual workload across your environment.

**LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE  
RIVER ROOM 2**
***THE PERSONALISED AI  
TUTOR***


**ROB BARUGH**  
Director of Learning  
Technology, Hale School

Many schools are experimenting with AI, but what happens when an assistant truly understands each student's learning context? In this session, Rob shares how Hale School developed Hale-GPT using Azure OpenAI, integrating student data to create personalised study support. He will also explore the guardrails and monitoring systems used to ensure AI supports learning responsibly.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING  
RIVER ROOM 3**
***IT HAPPENED AT  
HOME...NOW IT'S A  
CLASSROOM PROBLEM***


**TRENT RAY &  
REBCECCA MARTIN**  
Digital Educators, Cyber  
Safety Project

Teachers are increasingly responding to complex digital incidents across platforms and beyond school hours. In this practical workshop, Bec and Trent explore real scenarios — including cyberbullying, image sharing and AI-enabled abuse — helping educators respond confidently and develop a simple response tool for their school.

1:10PM – 2:10PM

LUNCH

RIVER ROOM 2

Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Optus Stadium's award-winning culinary team, featuring locally sourced seasonal produce and a buffet of mouth-watering dishes. After lunch, take the opportunity to reconnect with peers and spend more time exploring sponsor exhibits and discovering new ideas for your school.



**IT MANAGEMENT  
RIVER ROOM 1**
***SAFEGUARDING STUDENT  
PRIVACY AND DATA IN A  
CONNECTED WORLD***

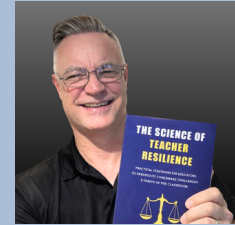
**ADAM SAUL**
**Solutions Engineer, Netskope**

As WA K–12 schools expand their digital footprint, the cybersecurity attack surface grows. AI tools, IoT devices and BYOD bring benefits but increase risk. This session explores protecting student safety, securing PII and meeting compliance—while maintaining modern learning—plus practical ways to mitigate threats and build strong digital citizenship through everyday teachable moments.

**LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE  
RIVER ROOM 2**
***LEADING SAFE AND  
PURPOSEFUL AI USE IN  
SCHOOLS***

**PAUL REID**
**Founder, Next Learning**

Paul Reid shares how school leaders can adopt AI safely and purposefully. Drawing on global work with GEMS Education and experience across WA schools, this session shows how leaders can move beyond hype, fear and one-off pilots. It explores governance, staff capability and learning design, offering practical strategies, guiding questions and an implementation lens to begin or scale AI adoption.

**TEACHING AND LEARNING  
RIVER ROOM 3**
***THE SCIENCE OF TEACHER  
RESILIENCE***

**STUART MCKENZIE**
**Resilient Safe Organisations**

As schools adopt AI and digital tools, teacher demands are intensifying. This session reframes resilience as a system responsibility using the PR6 model: Vision, Composure, Reasoning, Health, Collaboration and Tenacity. It explores how pressures build across these domains and offers practical strategies to reduce load, strengthen capacity and design school environments that support staff wellbeing and sustainable performance.

**2:55PM – 3:35PM**
**LOCKNOTE: MINDSET UNDER PRESSURE**
**CHRIS TANTI**

Perth-based Chris Tanti built his career as a deep-sea commercial diver, spending more than 1,000 days in saturation chambers and helping complete Australia's deepest commercial dive. Today he shares powerful lessons on resilience, mindset under pressure and leadership in high-risk environments.


**3:35PM – 3:50PM**
**PRIZE DRAW**
**RIVER ROOM 2**

Visit our sponsor exhibition stands and have your conference app scanned to enter the Summit prize draw. Each sponsor is showcasing a prize. Join us to find out which lucky delegates will be announced as the winners.


**3:50PM – 5:00PM**
**NETWORKING DRINKS AND CLOSE**
**RIVER ROOM 2**

Join us for networking drinks to close the Summit. Enjoy complimentary drinks while connecting with peers, continuing conversations from the day and building new professional connections.

