



## 2026 Preliminary Program

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DAY ONE: Thursday 29 October 2026	
7:00am - 5:00pm	<b>Registration and information desk open</b> Plaza Level Foyer
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Arrival tea and coffee</b> Plaza Level Foyer
8:30am - 09:10am	<b>Day One Opening Plenary</b> Plaza Ballroom
8:30am - 8:45am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Uncle Steven Coghill, Jagera Elder
8:45am – 9:10am	<b>Opening Address and Overview</b> Trauma-Aware Education Conference Committee 2026
09:10am - 10:00am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
9:10am – 10:00am	<b>Billabongs of Knowledge: Cultural Safety in Trauma-Informed Practice from a First Nations Perspective</b>  Kelleigh Ryan, Director and Consulting Psychologist for The Seedling Group & Dr Nicole Tujague, Senior Lecturer at Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples, The Seedlings Group
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>Morning tea and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
10:30am - 11:30am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
10:30am - 11:20am	<b>After the Storm: A Journey of Trauma and Transformation</b> Dr Jennifer Achari, Edith Cowan University
11:30am - 1:00pm	<b>Concurrent Session 1: Presentations and Workshops</b>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Lunch and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
1:15pm – 1:55pm	<b>Poster Presentation Session</b> Plaza Level Foyer



2:00pm - 3:35pm	<b>Keynote Presentations</b> Plaza Ballroom
2:00pm – 2:45pm	<b>From Lived Experience to Leadership: Youth Voices Shaping Trauma-Aware Education</b> Nourahuda Akhlaki & Gia Ibrahimm, Youth Voice, Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma (QPASTT)
2:50pm – 3:35pm	<b>Trauma and ADHD: How should we support children with inattention and disorganisation?</b> Prof James Scott, The University of Queensland
3:35pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon tea and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Research Showcase</b> Plaza Ballroom
6:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>Social Event</b> Arbour Level



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DAY TWO: Friday 30 October 2026	
7:30am - 5:30pm	<b>Registration and information desk open</b> Plaza Level Foyer
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Arrival tea and coffee</b> Plaza Level Foyer
8:30am - 09:00am	<b>Day Two Opening Plenary</b> Plaza Ballroom
8:30am - 8:45am	<b>Acknowledgement to Country</b> Yalari
8:45am – 9:00am	<b>Welcome Day Two Opening and Overview</b> Trauma-Aware Education Conference Committee 2026
09:00am - 10:00am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
9:00am – 10:00am	<b>The Neurology of Leadership: Navigating the Adult Nervous System in Schools.</b> Dr Lori Desatuels, Butler University's College of Education, United States
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>Morning tea and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
10:30am - 11:30am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
10:30am - 11:20am	<b>Unconditional Love and the Power of Being Seen Through Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being</b> Jase Williams, TEDx speaker, award-winning educator, author and former Principal, New Zealand
11:30am - 1:00pm	<b>Concurrent Session 2: Presentations and Workshops</b>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Lunch and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
1:15pm – 1:55pm	<b>Poster Presentation Session</b> Plaza Level Foyer



2:00pm - 3:30pm	<b>Concurrent Session 3: Presentations and Workshops</b>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon tea and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
<b>4:00pm - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Prevention is Better than a Cure: <i>preparing our children for the world they inherit.</i></b> Ben Sacco, Education Economy
6:30pm - 10:30pm	<b>Conference Dinner</b> Plaza Ballroom



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DAY THREE: Saturday 31 October 2026	
7:30am - 5:00pm	<b>Registration and information desk open</b> Plaza Level Foyer
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Arrival tea and coffee</b> Plaza Level Foyer
8:30am - 09:00am	<b>Day Three Opening Plenary</b> Plaza Ballroom
8:30am - 8:45am	<b>Acknowledgement to Country</b> Dr Meegan Brown, Senior Lecturer in School Guidance and Counselling, QUT
8:45am – 9:00am	<b>Welcome Day Three Opening and Overview</b> Trauma-Aware Education Conference Committee 2026
09:00am - 10:00am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
9:00am – 10:00am	<b>Start where you are and do what you can!</b> <b>From Awareness to Action at Sheffield Hallam University, UK</b>  Prof Sally Pearse, Sheffield Hallam University & Director of the Early Years Community Research Centre (EYCRC), United Kingdom & Prof Sue O'Brien, Head of the Chester School of Education at the University of Chester, United Kingdom
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>Morning tea and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
10:30am - 11:30am	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
10:30am - 11:20am	<b>Trauma-Transformative Education: Building Schools Where Safety, Connection and Healing Can Flourish</b> Janise Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Childhood Foundation
11:30am - 1:00pm	<b>Concurrent Session 4:</b> <b>Presentations and Workshops</b>
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Lunch and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer



1:15pm – 1:55pm	<b>Poster Presentation Session</b> Plaza Level Foyer
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<b>Panel Presentation</b> Plaza Ballroom
2:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Inter-professional panel discussion</b> Facilitated by Dr Meegan Brown, Senior Lecturer in School Guidance and Counselling, QUT
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon tea and exhibition</b> Plaza Level Foyer
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Conference Close</b> Plaza Ballroom
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Closing Address</b> Trauma-Aware Education Conference Committee 2026