

2017 QASR National Conference

Thursday 7th September is a full day of speakers/events starting at 9.00am-4.00pm.

The Conference keynote speaker is Dr Judith Locke (Schools and the Consumer model).

- **Dr Judith Locke** Registered clinical psychologist, and former teacher and workplace trainer. Dr Locke is the Director of Confident and Capable®, an organization which delivers psychological training solutions for parents, students and organizations. She also undertakes research at QUT, investigating modern parenting, student and parent wellbeing, and the academic environment and is the author of the parenting book *The Bonsai Child*.
- **Dr Deidre Thian** ISQ (Demographic statistics, enrolment trends) Deidre is the Director of a company with expertise in facility planning and school demographics, has a PhD in school planning and is an expert in the role that demographics should play in underpinning decisions. Since 1998 Deidre has been a consultant with ISQ on a part-time basis, providing statistical analysis of data.
- **Ms Mariana Lane** – ISQ (International Students – National Code of Practice) Mariana is the Project Manager (International Education) at Independent Schools Queensland. She works collaboratively with independent schools to support their international programs, endeavours and engagement. Mariana has developed an online community to support internationalisation of schooling and global citizenship education for independent schools in Queensland.
- **Mr Phillip Anthony** Chief Technical Officer who will present the ATAR. He has been with QTAC for over 20 years and is the key leader for the ATAR at QTAC.
- **Panel** – Case Studies (Going above and beyond the role of Registrar).

The Conference Dinner is from 6.30pm with Charity guest speaker, **Dr Fiona Hawthorne**, General Manager of Hummingbird House. Hummingbird House is Queensland's only children's hospice providing short break stays, family wellbeing services, creative therapies, and care at the end of life, for children with life-limiting conditions and their families. Dr Fiona Hawthorne is the General Manager of Hummingbird House and will be sharing how they help families make the most of the time they have together with gentleness and expert care.

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Friday 8th September is a half day until 2.00pm

- Legal Session with **Annie Smeaton** (Discrimination Law Focus). Annie is one of Queensland's leading employment lawyers, with extensive experience dealing with court proceedings, advocating and strategic advice in industrial, employment and anti-discrimination law for a variety of small and large clients including the non-State Schools sector.
- Mindfulness – Mind with Heart Australia with **Lyndi Smith** (wellbeing) – includes a walk and talk session to share stories. Lyndi's background is as a teacher and she started practising mindfulness and yoga ten years ago as a way to transform stress, trained professionally as a mindfulness educator, and leads mindfulness courses with adults, teenagers and children. Mind With Heart Australia is an international charity dedicated to integrating mindfulness and compassion-based practices into schools. Participants say their physical health and psychological and emotional wellbeing has improved as a result of taking part in the *Reconnected* mindfulness programme.
- **Walk and Talk** – networking and discussing selected topics.

