



PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALLIANCE

*Leading Queensland communities
to make a difference*

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE 2025

Open to ALL Queensland Public Schools



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Watch the our short testimonial video to find out more



About the Public Schools Alliance (PSA)

Thank you for your interest in joining our vibrant community. The Public Schools Alliance (PSA) extends a warm invitation to **all Queensland Public Primary, Secondary, and Special Education Schools**, wherever you are on your school improvement journey. We passionately believe that diversity is our strength, celebrating the unique essence of every school.

PSA operates as a neutral space, free from political and industrial affiliations, committed to provoking new ways of thinking in educational leadership. We connect leaders to **bold, brave initiatives**, and showcase “**warts and all**” stories of practice, offering insights from real-world challenges and triumphs.

Our members gain access to **high-quality professional learning, edgy, thought-provoking speakers**, and a space to explore **innovative solutions** for improving student outcomes.

Membership is voluntary but invaluable, offering exceptional value for money. PSA pushes boundaries, sparks innovation, and empowers schools to grow beyond expectations.

Members, guests and sponsors step into a vibrant community that dares to think differently, act courageously, and lead with impact.

Our Vision

The PSA connected leadership community is committed to:

- Empowering Queensland Public Schools to work in partnership with their communities, becoming more responsive to local needs.
- Leading and improving outcomes across school communities through collaboration, celebration, and the sharing of insights.
- Harnessing our collective capacity to challenge systemic practices and cultures, driving innovations that benefit all public schools in Queensland.
- Creating ambitious, successful schools where every child thrives through shared leadership and bold, forward-thinking strategies.

School membership is designed for **Executive and Senior Leadership Teams**. Membership is **flexible and transferable among school leaders**, ensuring your team can adapt to changing demands while remaining engaged with PSA's opportunities and resources.

We also extend opportunities to your student and aspiring leaders.



CONNECTED LEADERSHIP

REDWOOD WISDOM

Each tree shares a bond with another tree through its roots, and eventually, every single Redwood tree is connected to each other. The roots hold on to one another through the harshest of weather, and keep the family of trees standing tall and strong, together. The roots of older and wiser trees hold on to the roots of trees just beginning to grow.



2025 Contributing Thought Leaders



Leigh Sales, one of Australia's most respected journalist & author of *Storytellers*



Stephen Scheeler, Former Facebook CEO for ANZ, voice of transformation, culture and leadership



Michael McQueen, Author of *Mindstuck*, *Influence 2.0*, *Mastering the Art of Opening Minds*



Chadden Hunter, Documentary filmmaker, lessons on leadership & team building



Milo Wilkinson, Behavioural scientist, mastering leadership under pressure





Alliance Leadership Days

Our flagship **Leadership Days** blend cutting-edge professional learning with meaningful opportunities to engage, collaborate, and lead with impact.

2025 Themes

This year's Leadership Days are centred around:

- **Enhancing School Culture:** Strengthening the values, vision, and environment that unite and inspire school communities.
- **Leading Diversity and Inclusion:** Exploring actionable strategies to champion equity, celebrate diversity, and foster belonging.
- **Empowering Innovation:** Unlocking bold, creative solutions to drive continuous improvement and meet the evolving needs of education.

Key Take-aways

Collaborative Processes: Learn how to engage students, staff, and the broader community in shaping and connecting with your school's vision. Foster a collaborative environment that aligns your school's ambitions for learning with actionable outcomes.

Tools for Strategic Leadership:

Access proven tools to effectively lead your school's continuous improvement agenda. Transforming your vision into actionable strategies that drive positive change and measurable results.

Professional Learning Guidance:

Receive expert insights to maintain focus and sustain momentum on your leadership improvement priorities. Stay ahead with professional development tailored to the ever-changing demands of school leadership.

Key Dates for Executive and Senior Leadership Teams

- Monday 17 March, 9.15am to 2.45pm
- Monday 21 July, 8.30am to 2.30pm
- Wednesday 29 October, 9.15am to 2.45pm

Venue

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
South Bank, Queensland

Accommodation

Special accommodation rates are available at:

20% OFF – RYDGES SOUTH BANK

9 Glenelg St, South Brisbane

15% OFF – NOVOTEL BRISBANE SOUTH BANK

38 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane

Access Novotel offer for PSA events in:

March 2025 | July 2025 | October 2025

RIVERSIDE HOTEL SOUTHBANK

\$190 a night room only

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Student Leadership Conference

When: Wednesday 26 February
OR Thursday 27 February,

Time: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Where: Queensland University of
Technology (QUT), Kelvin Grove

Prepare for a groundbreaking experience as the Alliance proudly presents the Student Leadership Day at the vibrant educational facilities of QUT's Kelvin Grove campus. This exclusive event offers an empowering platform to maximise student leadership potential, focusing on school values, mindsets, and community engagement.

Target Audience: Year 6 Primary school leaders and Year 9 Secondary school leaders

Attendance: Each Alliance member school can send up to four students from their student leadership cohort.



Watch the video highlights from
2024's First Primary Student
Captains Leadership Conference.

What to Expect

Collaboration: Students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with leaders from their own school as well as those from other schools, sharing design thinking ideas and leadership action plans.

Inspiring Speakers: Be exposed to a learning community featuring inspirational speakers with a wealth of experience to support the student voice. Gain insights that will help shape their leadership vision.

Energising Program: Designed to boost student confidence and ignite positivity in their leadership of young people.

Beyond the Ordinary: Move beyond traditional concepts like fundraising and time capsules. Challenge deep thinking about their agency and how it can be leveraged to extend their leadership impact on school values, mindsets, and community engagement.

Actionable Initiatives: Leave the day with concrete initiatives to turn their leadership story into everyday action. The conference will empower student leadership agency to influence community engagement. These actions will shape student leadership legacy.

Facilitated by:



Maddie Smith-Jones



Alliance Networking Breakfasts

Foster collaboration and celebrate leadership excellence by joining our **Alliance Networking Breakfasts**, where school leaders and emerging talent come together to share insights and build connections.

These breakfasts are an invaluable opportunity for principals to invite their entire leadership team—including aspiring and emerging leaders—to engage in meaningful discussions on pressing educational topics. Connect with diverse teams, broaden your professional network, and explore innovative solutions that drive success.

What to Expect

- **Inclusive Leadership Focus:** Designed for Executive and Senior Leadership Teams, as well as high-performing staff and student leaders.
- **Celebrating Success:** A platform to acknowledge achievements and inspire new leadership pathways.
- **Convenience:** Events are scheduled early in the day, ensuring attendees can be back on campus before the first bell. To maximize time efficiency, Leadership Days are held on the same day.



Key Dates for Principals' Invitational Breakfasts

→ *Year 12 Student Captains to join school executive teams*

Monday, 17 March, 6:45 am – 8:45 am

→ *Aspiring School Leaders to join school executive teams*

Wednesday, 29 October, 6:45 am – 8:45 am

Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank, Queensland

Join us as we cultivate a community where leadership excellence thrives, achievements are celebrated, and collaboration sparks innovation.



Collegial Catch Ups

Take a well-deserved break and connect with leadership colleagues at our **Collegial Catch-Ups** – relaxed gatherings designed to celebrate, commiserate, and share the unique highs and challenges of being a school leader.

These informal dinners provide an invaluable opportunity for soft networking, where authentic conversations flow and genuine connections are made. Laugh, share stories, and exchange insights with fellow leaders who truly understand the demands of the role.

Key Dates

- Sunday, 16 March, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Sunday, 20 July, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, 28 October, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Join us to unwind, recharge, and strengthen bonds within a supportive community of school leaders. Together, let's build friendships, share wisdom, and leave inspired for the journey ahead.

Alliance Membership

Join our inclusive leadership learning community

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Alliance Membership packages are priced to suit the size and needs of your school leadership team. Reward your team and take advantage of this exceptional value for multiple leaders:

- \$2,450 – Registration for 1 Leadership delegate
- \$3,650 – Registration for 2 Leadership delegates
- \$4,750 – Registration for 3 Leadership delegates
- \$5,450 – Registration for 4 Leadership delegates
- \$6,350 – Registration for 5 Leadership delegates
- \$7,050 – Registration for 6 Leadership delegates
- \$500 – Registration for regional Queensland livestreaming only



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Please register and Brisbane State High School will invoice on behalf of the Alliance:

- School leadership colleagues from the same school may share membership to maximise their team's availability.
- All member schools will have access to livestreaming.
- All members will have access to presentations and event recordings via SharePoint.
- Member schools must register their team members for each event.
- Virtual only membership packages are available to schools outside of Southeast Queensland upon request.

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2025 MEMBERSHIP INCLUSIONS

TERM 1

Up to 4 Student Registrations for the Student Leadership Day Year 6 & Year 9

Wednesday 26 OR Thursday 27 February
9:00 am to 2:30 pm
QUT Kelvin Grove, Brisbane

Access to subsidised rate Collegial Catch Up
Sunday 16 March, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration to the Leadership Breakfast celebrating with Year 12 Student Captains

Monday 17 March, 6:45 am to 8:45 am
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Registration to Leadership Day

Monday 17 March, 9:15 am to 2:45 pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

TERM 3

Access to subsidised rate Collegial Catch Up
Sunday 20 July, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration to Leadership Day

Monday 21 July, 8:15 am to 2:30 pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

TERM 4

Access to subsidised rate Collegial Catch Up
Tuesday 28 October, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration to the Leadership Breakfast celebrating Aspiring Leaders

Wednesday 29 October, 6:45 am to 8:15 am
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Registration to Leadership Day

Wednesday 29 October, 9:15 am to 2:45 pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre



Alliance Committee

Our voluntary team of dedicated school leaders



John Thornberry

*Executive Principal
North Lakes State College*



Sandra Wright

*Principal
Lake Clarendon State School*



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*Principal
Milton State School*



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