

Deputy Principals' Conference

Geelong 14 – 16 August 2017



Highlights

Over 50 Deputies and Heads of Campus from across Australia and New Zealand gathered in Geelong for their annual conference. The conference was hosted by St Joseph's College and the Southern Region Deputies and the theme for this year was "Liberating Education through Partnership and Innovation".

Some of the highlights were:

- > Being welcomed by the students of St Patrick's Ballarat, who sang us into prayer and local Elder Corrina Eccles (Wadawurrung Traditional Owner)
- > Reflecting on 10 years of EREA and the challenges moving forward, including the need to take time for the inner journey – with Wayne Tinsey, EREA
- > Breaking open five facets of a Liberating Education – with Chris Smith, Conference Facilitator
- > Reflections on the Leadership Journey – with Susan Pascoe AM, Commissioner of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission
- > Exploring what the census and surveys tell us about faith and religion in Australia and the positive impact of Catholic ministries in 2017 – with Fr Richard Leonard, Director Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting
- > Articulating Seven Signs of Identity for a Catholic School and implications for leaders – with Fr Richard
- > Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption with mass, presided by Fr Richard
- > Exploring partnership and innovation in practice by visiting – Northern Bay Secondary College, Geelong Biolab, Sacred Heart College's STEAM Building, The Geelong College Research Centre and St Joseph's College's Edmund Rice and Westcourt Campuses
- > Reflections on leading from a values perspective – with Brian Cook, CEO, Geelong Football Club
- > Being inspired by the quest to develop 20,000 educational places in Africa – with Sarah Spiker, Manager, Cotton On Foundation
- > Conference Dinner at the home of the Geelong Cats, Simonds Stadium, with entertainment from the St Joseph's College Band
- > Exploring Fullness of Life: the Safe and Inclusive Learning Communities Statement and resources – with Jo Hart, EREA and Paul Tobias, past Principal, St Joseph's College
- > Connecting with EREBB, the case for global engagement and the principles of partnership – with Brian Garrone, EREA
- > Being led through a facilitated and reflective process through the conference using aspects of the Edmund Rice Formation Framework – with Chris Smith
- > The energy and skill of the St Joseph's College Drum Line
- > Networking, sharing resources and building community with other Deputy Principals and Heads of Campus from across our network

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