



PROGRAMME

Friday 5th September 2025

Location: Amora Jamison Sydney, 11 Jamison Street, Sydney – Level 2

Time	Session	Presenter/s	
8.00am – 8.30am	Registration – Level 2. Suitcases can be stored at Reception.		
Whiteley Ballroom			
8.30am – 9.00am	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country Prayer Opening Remarks	Monica O’Brien Head of Curriculum and Assessment Catholic Schools NSW Professor Br David Hall FMS Dean, La Salle Academy Australian Catholic University Dallas McInerney Chief Executive Officer Catholic Schools NSW	
9.00am – 9:45am Session Leader: Monica O’Brien	Session 1 Keynote Cultivating Faith Leaders in Catholic Schools - The Ecclesial Role of Teachers	Fr Bechina Priest and Theologian Holy See - Congregation for Catholic Education 2001-2022	
9:45am – 9:55am	Reflections & Questions/ Answers session		
9:55am – 10:45am Session Leader: Mary Ryan	Session 2 Sparking Faith, Building Teachers: The FiRE Formation Program	Joan Lancaster & Gary Reen Diocese of Lismore	
10.45am – 11:15am	MORNING TEA		
	Boyd Room	Whiteley Ballroom 2	Whiteley Ballroom 1
11.15am – 12.10pm Excellence	Session 3.1 Early Stage 1-3 Excellence in Teaching Religious Education in Primary Classrooms Andrew Wilson and Andrew Baker Religious Education Parramatta Diocese Session Leader: Mary Ryan	Session 3.2 Stage 4-5 Excellence in Teaching Religious Education Stage 4-5 Classrooms Jason Currao Head of Religious Education St Scholastica’s College, Glebe Session Leader: Nathan Smith	Session 3.3A Stage 6 HSC Courses Excellence in Teaching Studies in Catholic Thought 1 & 2 Janina Starkey St John Paul II Catholic College, Schofields & Narimba Session 3.3B Excellence in Teaching Studies of Religion I & II Nicole Denniss Parramatta Marist High, Parramatta Session Leader: Monica O’Brien

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12.10pm-12.15pm	Movement between rooms	
	Whiteley Ballroom 2	Whiteley Ballroom 1
12.15pm – 1.10pm Evangelisation and Youth Ministry	Session 4.1 Early Stage 1-3 Evangelisation and Youth Ministry in the Primary Setting Simon Hyland Catholic Schools Broken Bay Session Leader: Nathan Smith	Session 4.2 Evangelisation - The CSYMI Model Catholic Schools Youth Ministry International (CSYMI) Nathan Galea Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn Session Leader: Mary Ryan
1.10pm -2.00pm	LUNCH	
Whiteley Ballroom		
2.00pm – 2.30pm Session Leader: Mary Ryan	Session 5 Antiqua Et Nova - The relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence	Fr Bechina
2.30pm – 3.00pm Session Leader: Marita Winters	Session 6 Panel AI – risks, rewards and responsibilities <i>God’s plan for creation and the continual search for the true and the good</i> Antiqua Et Nova (117)	Anne Fehon Council Chair, Council of Catholic School Parents. Brett Salakas HP Ambassador, Digital Pedagogies Maura Manning Director EREA NSW Colleges Ltd
3.00pm – 3.15pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.15pm – 3.45pm Session Leader: Nathan Smith	Session 7 The HILDA Survey – Lifelong benefits of Catholic Schooling	Bruce Phillips Victorian Catholic Education Authority
3.45pm - 4.00pm	Closing Remarks	Marita Winters Deputy CEO Catholic Schools NSW