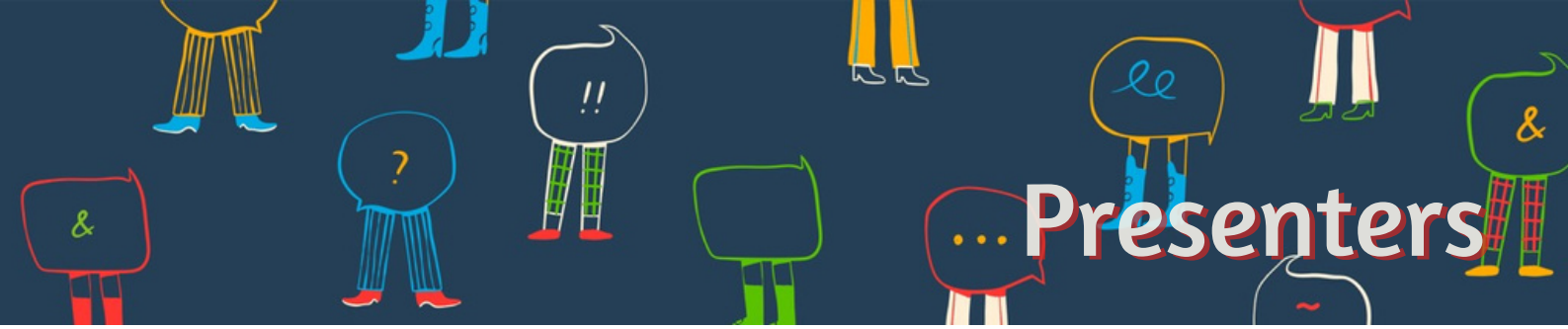


From 7.15am	Business Manager's Breakfast Hosted by Peter Steunenberg & Mark Steyn
9:00am	**Conference Commences** Welcome & Opening Remarks Time of worship- led by Emu Music
9:25am	**Biblical Reflection** **Di Hooley**
9:45am	**Session:** **Sam Bloore**
10:45am	*Morning Tea*
11:15am	**Session:** **David Rietveld**
12:15pm	**Session: Changing Hearts and Minds, One Story at a Time** **Vanessa Cheng, AACS**
12:45pm	*Lunch*
1:45pm	**Session: Cultivating a Culture of Giving through Transformational Philanthropy** **Cathy Kits**
2:45pm	*Afternoon Tea*
3:10pm	**Workshops:** – 1. Jon Cheung, Prolegis Lawyers 2. David Rietveld 3. Further conversation with Cathy Kits
4:15pm	***Free time***
6:10pm	*Bus trip to dinner venue*
6:30pm	**Offsite Conference Dinner** – **Pier One Sydney Harbour** **Speaker:** **Nicole Pleysier**



9:00am	**Welcome** Time of worship
9:30am	**Biblical Reflection: Flinging Stones at Giants** **Jonno Simmons**
9:50am	**Session:** **Sam Burrows**
10:50am	*Morning Tea*
11:20am	**Session:** **Chris Prior**
11:50pm	**CEN Updates**
12:30pm	*Lunch*
1:30pm	**Workshops – (repeat of Day 1)** 1. Jon Cheung, Prolegis Lawyers 2. David Rietveld 3. Further conversation with Cathy Kits
2:30pm	*Afternoon Tea*
3:00pm	**Session:** **Sam Bloore**
4:00pm	**Conference Close**



Sam Bloore

Adjunct Teaching Fellow for Venn Foundation New Zealand



Sam grew up in rural New Zealand and, while living in Auckland now, has maintained a deep appreciation for both small town and city life. After graduating from medicine and bioethics at Otago University, he worked as a doctor for five years before a gradual career change saw him join the staff of his church and complete a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology.

Sam is passionate about the intersection of faith and culture, in particular how individuals establish and enhance a personal Christ-centred spirituality that is stable and sustainable. He is on the home stretch of a Doctorate of Ministry through Fuller Theological Seminary – having completed papers that explore Sexuality and Ethics, Technology, the Visual Arts, and the discipling of Emerging Adults. For the last decade he has lectured on Theology & Vocation and workshopped Spiritual Practices for the Venn Foundation.

More recently he has been a part-time teaching pastor at St Pauls Anglican Church and has joined the board of the Parenting Place. He and his wife Julia are happiest on, in or near the sea – and their three young children, Eden, Benjamin, and Sophia, take up most of their spare time!

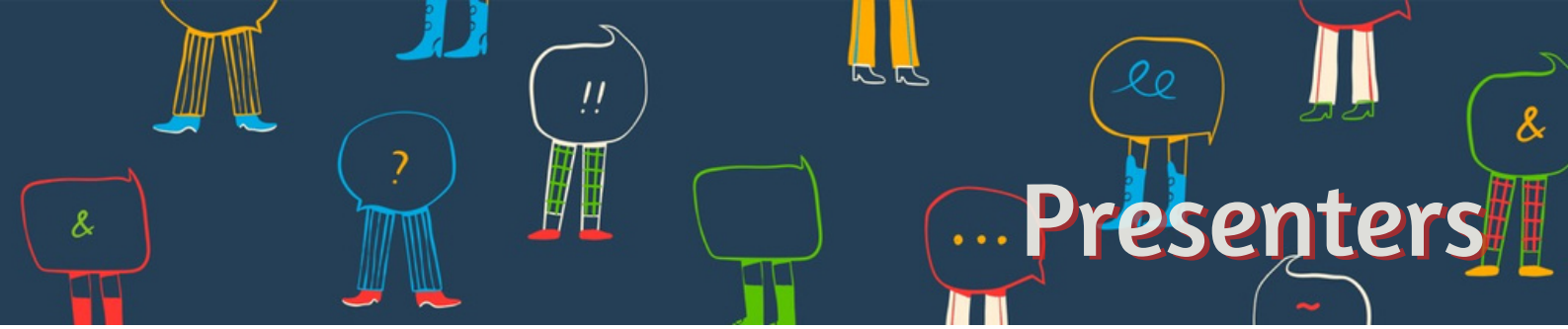
David Rietveld

Lead Consultant - City to City



David has worked in local church ministry for almost 30 years. His first season was as a youth and young adults minister at Youthworks, then at Figtree Anglican (Wollongong). The high school ministry grew from 80 to 220 under his leadership, and the young adults ministry to well over 100. Since then, David has worked in Tasmania, and Victoria. He is ordained as an Anglican and Baptist.

David has commenced a PhD in Listening to Preaching. He has also just finished writing a book which explores how the emerging post-Christendom culture impacts discipleship and evangelism - especially among Gen Z. Our current discipleship and mission tools were written in another worldview (Christendom). When we use them with this next generation who have imbibed a different set of cultural assumptions (post-Christendom), they hear different things than what we are trying to say. David will help us understand how to have faith conversations that cross the cultural and generational gap.



Presenters

Vanessa Cheng
Executive Officer Australian Association of Christian Schools



Vanessa Cheng has been the Executive Officer of the Australian Association of Christian Schools (AACS) since 2020. Prior to this role she worked in a range of roles across the education and government sector including as a Christian school teacher, a policy advisor in the Victorian Departments of Education and Premier and Cabinet, as well as working as a political advisor and as a senior policy advisor within the federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

She is a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church and lives in Bendigo with her husband Andrei and their four daughters and son.

Cathy Kits
Director of Advancement at
Society of Christian Schools in BC Canada



Cathy is the Director of Advancement at the Society of Christian Schools BC (SCSBC). For the past nine years she has been assisting schools to flourish by assisting them with enrolment management, community relations and development, with a strong focus on helping schools establish cultures of generous giving through the building and stewarding of donor relationships. She has presented at many conferences, speaking on a variety of topics unique to the Christian school environment.

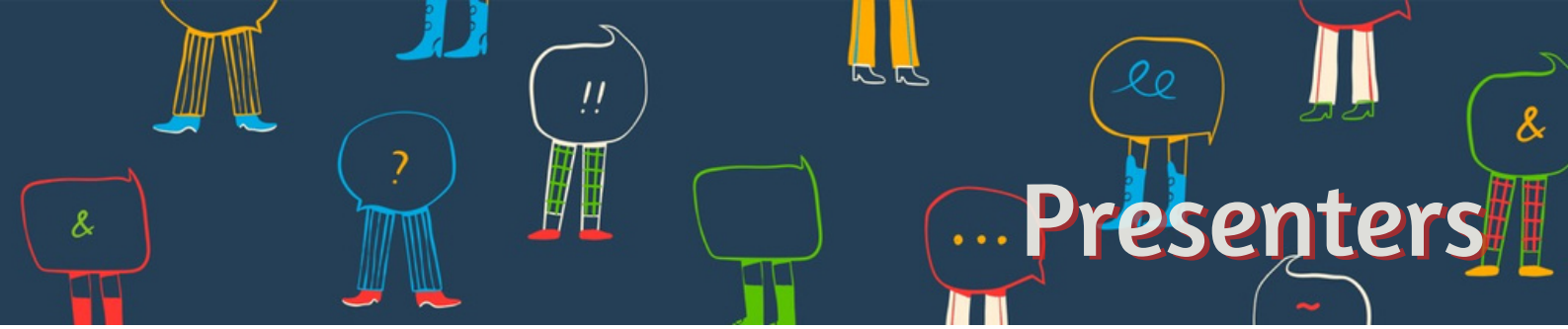
Cathy thrives on the synergy of professionals working collaboratively to turn challenges into opportunities.

Jonno Simmons
Principal Richmond Christian College



Jonno is a passionate educator and disciple of Jesus who desires to see the truth and potential of Christian education truly influence the future of Australia's educational landscape.

He's a family man with three boys and loves enjoying the spoils of the NSW North Coast as he serves Jesus at Richmond Christian College awakening the community to their identity, purpose and hope found only in Christ.



Presenters

Chris Prior
Director of CITE Alliance



Chris Prior is the Director of the CITE Alliance, and a Senior Lecturer of the National Institute for Christian Education. Chris' experience in Christian education includes roles in both the Christian schooling and within the Christian tertiary sector.

Formerly Principal of the National Institute for Christian Education, Chris has lectured in a variety of areas including Worldview, Philosophy of Education, and School Leadership. Chris' doctoral studies were on leaders' perceptions and practices of Christian schooling.

Sam Burrows
CEN Director of Professional Learning



Sam is the Director of Professional Learning for CEN. Born and raised in New Zealand, he was previously working at Laidlaw College in Auckland as a lecturer of education and theology in the School of Social Practice.

He has a broad range of teaching experience in New Zealand schools including a role as deputy principal. Sam is most interested in the intersections between theology, culture and pedagogy and how these areas interact with one another.

In 2022 he completed his Masters thesis titled: "Beyond the God Within: Speaking to the Subjective Turn in the Faith and Spirituality of New Zealanders." The thesis explored current trends in spirituality in Aotearoa and the wider West, tracking the major cultural influences of these phenomena and offering a theological response.