

Program

Godly Governance Conference 2025 Strategic Planning for Future Flourishing



Thursday 13 November	
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Arrive - Registrations Open
6:30 pm	Conference Dinner - onsite Quay West Conference Room <i>Emmaus Strategic Vision - Melanie Spencer, Principal, Emmaus Christian School</i>
Friday 14 November	
From 6:30 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:30 am	Welcome, Introductions & Prayer <i>Andrew Goelst, Board Chair, Christian Education National</i>
8:45 am	Devotions <i>John Metcalfe, CEN Board Member, Executive Principal Plenty Valley Christian College</i>
9:15 am	Strategy & Risk <i>Rebecca Lambert-Smith, Practice Leader, Moores Legal</i>
9:45 am	MORNING TEA
10:15 am	The Role of the Strategic Plan for a Thriving School <i>Dave Loewen, Executive Director, Society of Christian Schools in British Columbia</i>
11:45 am	Advocacy as a Strategic Priority <i>Vanessa Cheng, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Association of Christian Schools</i>
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	Tailored Agility - An Adaptive Approach <i>Mark Steyn, CEO, Christian Education National</i>
2:00 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
2:30 pm	Learnings from Council - the power of strategy for the flourishing of a city <i>Matthew Atkins, CEO Devonport City Council, Leighland Christian School Board Member</i>
3:30 pm	Resourcing the Plan <i>John Somerset, Director, Somerset Education</i>
4:30 pm	Free Time (Dinner at own expense. Explore Melbourne with colleagues and friends)

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Saturday 15 November	
From 6:30 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
9:00 am	Devotions <i>John Metcalfe, CEN Board Member, Executive Principal Plenty Valley Christian College</i>
9:30 am	Future-proof your Christian School <i>Simon Matthews, Executive Director, Independent Schools Tasmania</i>
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
11:00 am	Consulting and Communicating the Plan <i>Josh Castle, Marketing and Communications Manager, Covenant Christian School (NSW)</i>
11:30 am	Implementing and Overseeing the Plan - Leading Change <i>Simon Matthews, Executive Director, Independent Schools Tasmania</i>
12:30 pm	Conference Close (lunch provided to all delegates prior to leaving)