



2024 SAASLA Conference Agenda

Wednesday 18th Sept

Pre-Conference Drinks and Nibbles – Hotel Grand Chancellor Bar, Ground Floor 6pm - 8pm

Thursday 19th Sept – Hindley Rooms 1 & 2, Mezzanine Floor

- 8.50am ***Welcome and Housekeeping*** - President Chris Roberts
- 8.55am ***Welcome to Country*** - Annette Williams, Roxby Downs AS
- 9.00am ***Conference Opening*** - Hon Blair Boyer: Minister of Education, Training and Skills
- followed by questions from the floor
- 9.45am ***Illuminating Principals Practice*** - Dr Chris Dolan - UniSA
- Joint Association research findings with a focus on Area School Principals
- 10.30am Break
- 11.00am ***Commissioner for Regional Education*** - Hon. Fiona Nash
- 11.30am ***Thrive and Adapt*** – Mike House – tactical toolkit (see description below)
- 1.00pm Lunch – Conference Foyer
- 1.45pm ***Country Education Strategy*** – update and leader input Tranche 2
- 3.15pm ***State of the State*** - Interstate President's update
- 3.40pm Close
- 3.45pm *Optional* - Lumination Lab visit (transport, drinks and nibbles supplied)
- 6.00pm ***Pre-dinner drinks*** – Conference foyer – Mezzanine Floor
- 6.30pm ***SAASLA AGM*** – Conference foyer – Mezzanine Floor
- 7.00pm ***Conference Dinner*** – Hindley Rooms 1 & 2 - Best Practice Awards & Comedian
- 10.00pm Close

Friday 20th Sept – Hindley Rooms 1 & 2, Mezzanine Floor

- 9.00am ***Connection to Country*** – new Deputy CE: Peter Kelly
- 9.30am ***Rural Youth Ambassadors***
- 10.30am Break
- 11.00am ***Thriving Country Education*** - Chief Executive: Prof. Martin Westwell
questions from the floor
- 12.00am ***Credit Union SA Best Practice Awards*** : Beth Hector, Moonta AS
- 1.00pm Close and Lunch
- 2.00pm *Optional* – Adelaide Botanic High School Tour, depart Hotel 1.45, finish 3.30pm



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Thrive and Adapt – Mike House

We face relentless pressure. Thrive and Adapt is a tactical tool kit built in survival scenarios. You'll learn how to quickly regain clarity, presence and focus under pressure. Easy to remember and easy to use even on the dirtiest of days. Teaching and school staff experience pressure from many sides. Growing expectations of parents (and students), more and more to measure, extra curricular activities and more.

Thrive and Adapt is regularly requested for teams in frontline response such as Bush Fires, Oil Spill Response, Marine Search and Rescue, Counter Terrorism, Paramedics and Policing. School staff love it for the down to earth, practical tools.

These tactics work in high pressure and high consequence situations. What is in your toolbox when your back is to the wall and everything is changing around you? Based on Mike's book **Thrive and Adapt: No Matter What**

Key outcomes:

- Mindsets that work under pressure and build capacity to effectively operate under pressure.
- A tactical tool kit for maintaining/regaining effectiveness under pressure. These can be applied to stress management, focus, decision making, setting priorities, dealing with change, coaching others and more.

Optional activities:

Lumination Lab tour: Illumination specialise in Virtual Reality in Education, tour their futuristic lab, experience the latest in cutting edge virtual reality educational experiences on the outskirts of the CBD. Transport to and from hotel, and drinks and nibbles on arrival provided. 4pm – 5.30pm

Adelaide Botanic High School tour: Recently built and expanded to cater for senior secondary classes, meticulously researched, purpose-built environment where the architecture informs and enhances each child's learning experience and researched based innovations - all in a multi-story building the centre of the Adelaide CBD. 2pm – 3.30pm (welcome to leave early)

Conference Accommodation

The conference venue, Hotel Grand Chancellor Hotel – Hindley, is offering a discounted conference rate of \$160 room only per night (Exec King/Twin). This is for the room only. Full Buffet Breakfast is \$32.00 per person and the car park is \$25.00 per day and per car. Mention you are a SAASLA Conference delegate when booking to receive the discount.