

CPPA Executive Presents...

50 & BEYOND
2026 CPPA CONFERENCE
Celebrating Our Past, Present and Future

Dear CPPA Sponsors,
We warmly invite you to
join us in celebrating this
remarkable milestone of
50 years of the Catholic
Primary Principals'
Association

 Wednesday - Friday
22nd - 24th July, 2026

 Astral Rooms 1-3
Crown, Perth

Keynote Speakers



Keynote Speaker and MC
Brendan Spillane
Australian Educator,
Speaker & Coach



Keynote Speaker
Steve Francis
Motivational Speaker &
Education Specialist



Keynote Speaker
Dr Lauren Burns OAM
Wellness Motivational
Speaker and Author



Keynote Speaker
Adam Voigt
Empowering Speaker,
Author & Educator



Conference Program

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DAY ONE



CONFERENCE DAY ONE

Sessions facilitated by Brendan Spillane & Steve Francis. Assistant Principals are warmly invited to participate in this day, which will conclude with social drinks alongside our CPPA Sponsors.



Schedule for Day One

- 8:30 AM - Welcome
- 8.40 AM - Welcome to Country
- 8.50 AM - Prayer by South West Region
- 9:00 AM - First Session led by Brendan Spillane
- 10:30 AM - Morning Tea
- 11:00 AM - Second Session led by Steve Francis
- 12:30 PM - Lunch
- 1.15 PM - Third Session led by Steve Francis
- 2:45 PM - Closing Remarks by Brendan Spillane
- 3:00 PM - Social Drinks and Canapés with Sponsors
- 4:00 PM - Conclusion of Day One



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DAY TWO



CONFERENCE DAY TWO

Performing Arts Mass (Members Only)

Transportation has been organised for members, with buses operating between Crown and the St Mary's Cathedral, returning after the Mass. After the Performing Arts Mass, we'll head back to Crown for lunch and the afternoon session led by Dr Lauren Burns.



Schedule for Day Two

- 9:15 AM - Transportation from Crown to St Mary's Cathedral
- 10:00 AM - Performing Arts Mass
- 11:00 AM - Performing Arts Mass concludes; light refreshments will be served.
- 11:30 AM - Bus returns to Crown
- 12:00 PM - Lunch on arrival
- 1:00 PM - Session with Dr Lauren Burns
- 2.30 PM - Closing remarks with Brendan Spillane
- 2:45 PM - Day concludes





Conference Program

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DAY THREE



CONFERENCE DAY THREE

The last day of the Conference includes sessions facilitated by Adam Voigt, followed by the CPPA Business, Sponsor Prize Draws, and concluding remarks from CEWA Deputy Executive Director Julie Hornby, marking the official end of the event.

Day Three Schedule:

- 9.00 AM – Welcome & Prayer by South West Region
- 9:30 AM – First Session led by Adam Voigt
- 11:00 AM – Morning Tea
- 11:30 AM – Second Session led by Adam Voigt
- 1:00 PM – Lunch
- 1:45 PM – Third Session: CPPA Business and Prize Draws
- 2:15 PM – Closing Remarks by Brendan Spillane & Julie Hornby
- 2.30 PM – Conference concludes

Event Information

REGISTRATIONS

Each Sponsor must RSVP for each day. Please provide the names of representatives and dietary requirements. Please click the link below to register.

[Click here to register your attendance by June 22nd.](#)

CROWN ACCOMMODATION

CPPA Sponsors can access the corporate rates for their stay. To make a reservation, please click on the hotel of your choice:

- **Crown Towers** – Rooms starting from \$355 per night.
(Premium 5 Star)
- **Crown Metropol** – Rooms starting from \$275.00 per night.
(5 Star)
- **Crown Promenade** – Rooms starting from \$230.00 per night.
(4 Star)

The CPPA accommodation link will close on the **14th July, 2026**. Please book as soon as possible to secure your preferred room and rate. [Click here for further information.](#)





Event Information

RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL TIME FOR SPONSORS

- Day One: Sponsors should begin arriving at 7:45 AM.
- Day Two: Sponsors are expected to arrive from 11:15 AM, as CPPA Members will be attending Mass in the morning.
- Day Three: Sponsors should arrive starting at 8:00 AM.

SPONSOR SOCIAL DRINKS WITH MEMBERS

At the end of Day One, sponsors are warmly invited to join members and assistant principals for some light refreshments. This gathering will be held in the sponsor exhibition area from 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

CATERING FOR SPONSORS

Sponsor food will be available prior to each session break. During the breaks, we warmly encourage you to network and engage with delegates.

PRIZE DRAWS

Some sponsors will hold a prize draw throughout the conference, with winners announced on the final day. Please let me know if you're interested in participating.

CROWN PARKING & DELIVERIES

Please consult the information included in the email regarding all Loading Dock and Deliveries. Ensure that everything is clearly labeled and designated for the CPPA Conference - Astral Rooms 1 & 2.

SPONSOR EXHIBITION BOOTHS

Advans Exhibition Services will be our exhibition suppliers for the conference. Please refer to the attached information included in the email. Kindly return the booking form to Don Ainsworth by July 7th. If you have any queries, please contact Don directly on 9451 8322 or email don@advanswa.com.au.

SPONSOR EXHIBITION BOOTH - SET UP

Tuesday 21st July - Sponsors welcome to set up between **2.00pm - 5.00pm**.
Friday 24th July - Sponsors to pack down between **3.00pm - 5.00pm**

CONTACT US

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Olivia Daly at cppa@cppa.wa.edu.au or 0414 945 461.



The Keynote Speakers



MR BRENDAN SPILLANE

Brendan Spillane is an acclaimed Australian educator, speaker and coach. In his previous career, he worked as a teacher and school principal in Catholic schools and was an Executive member of both state and national professional leadership bodies. He works as an Executive Coach with senior leaders from business, education, healthcare and sports contexts.

He is working with a range of corporate and sporting organisations as well as with individual schools/colleges, education systems, health care organisations, Education Boards and professional associations. In 2019, he was a critical friend to Michael Fullan in support of his book 'Nuance'. In 2022, they co-wrote an initial concept paper on Connected Autonomy with to stimulate further thought about the kind of dynamics that characterise 'nuanced' systems. He is currently supporting Fullan's addendum to '6 Secrets of Change 2.0' to be published in May/June 2026. He acts as 'critical friend' to several Catholic educational systems in Australia.

Brendan has delivered keynote addresses at a wide range of conferences in Australia, New Zealand, US, Singapore and elsewhere. He presented a Keynote Address at the International Conference on Thinking 2015 (Bilbao, Spain) on critical thinking for organisational success. In 2019, he was a Keynote Presenter at Singapore's CoachSG Conference. He was the Conference Facilitator and a Keynote Presenter at the Queensland Association of State School Principals Conference in May 2025.

He has worked with multiple high-performance programs and individual coaches preparing for and reflecting on several Olympic Games. He will be involved as a Leadership Coach at the FIFA World Cup (June 2026) in Mexico/US/Canada. He leads and/or has contributed to a wide range of leadership programs in Australia and New Zealand working with Executive, Senior and Middle Leadership cohorts to enhance their leadership.

An engaging speaker and presenter, Brendan uses a powerful blend of story, metaphor and humour to create the conditions for a more authentic and insightful dialogue in groups.



MR STEVE FRANCIS

Steve Francis is an expert in the complexities of school leadership and the creator of OPTIMAL Leadership. He understands the challenges and demands of being a school leader. As well as having been the Principal of a number of Queensland schools from a one-teacher school through to a large metropolitan school, he was Principal of an international school in Hong Kong.

For the past five years Steve has been recognised by Educator magazine as one of the top 50 most influential educators in Australia.

He completed his Masters in School Leadership focusing on stress in schools. This led him to develop the Happy School program. Almost 800 schools subscribe to receive Steve's weekly articles and use them to improve staff well-being.

Steve recently launched School Leadership Sprints to support busy school leadership teams to get clear and aligned. Steve works with leading educators across Australia and New Zealand to help them reach their potential and optimise their schools.

He brings passion, energy and practical insight to his professional development programs. Steve is passionate about keeping things simple and helping leaders get work – life satisfaction.



The Keynote Speakers



DR LAUREN BURNS OAM

Dr Lauren Burns OAM is a celebrated Olympic Gold Medalist, best-selling author, and one of Australia's most sought-after speakers, with over 25 years' experience inspiring audiences to reach their full potential. She made sporting history by winning the first Olympic gold medal for Taekwondo at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, joining an elite group of Australian women to achieve individual Olympic gold.

Her journey required immense discipline, commitment, perseverance, and teamwork—qualities she brings to her presentations. Lauren's keynote presentations, workshops, and masterclasses focus on Elevating Potential—providing practical, evidence-based strategies to bring structure, balance, and energy into lives, careers, and businesses.

With a PhD in Athlete Lifestyle and Mindset, Lauren combines humour, down-to-earth storytelling, and actionable tips to motivate audiences to take positive, transformative action. Her doctoral research, recognised with the RMIT Vice Chancellor's Prize for Research Impact, informs her work with the Australian Institute of Sport, including the Gold Medal Ready program and ongoing research initiatives.

A best-selling author of *Fighting Spirit* and *Food from a Loving Home*, Lauren also designs nutritional programs, provides executive coaching, and integrates her nine core elements of the Circle of Lifestyle into fully tailored presentations. Her unique ability to inspire, captivate, and provide practical tools for high-performance living sets her apart as a leading voice in wellbeing, mindset, and personal excellence.



MR ADAM VOIGT

Adam Voigt is a speaker, author and educator with an unshakeable passion for empowering leaders and teachers to transform the way education happens in Australia. A highly skilled classroom practitioner and successful school principal, he has led schools in some of the country's toughest locations—experience that underpins every message he delivers.

A regular media commentator across print, TV and radio, Adam brings sharp insight, big ideas and a refreshing dose of provocation to the national conversation on education. Known for making the magic of learning happen, he blends humour, storytelling and evidence-based practice to create presentations that are high-impact, credible and impossible to ignore.

Adam is the author of three books, including the acclaimed *Restoring Teaching*, and the creator of 'RP2.0,' his pioneering teaching methodology. His groundbreaking *Real Questions for Real School Leaders* was the first book to challenge leaders to deeply understand their schools through what he calls "School Self-Awareness." He also co-authored *Tackling Teacher Wellbeing*, a timely and practical guide for leaders committed to building healthier, more sustainable school cultures.

A genuine leader who walks the talk, Adam inspires change, elevates practice and leaves audiences with renewed clarity, courage and purpose.



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