

Leading an inclusive school

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team to lead inclusion

This AEU Principals' Conference is a professional learning opportunity for school leaders. Renowned experts and community leaders will run challenging and practical workshops targeting current educational issues. This is a chance to access high calibre learning for educational leaders in Victoria.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Graeme Innes AM

Human rights practitioner

Gill Callister

Secretary of the Department of
Education and Training

Dr Tim Soutphommasane

Race Discrimination Commissioner

Conference dinner
Conference

Thursday, April 27, 2017
Friday, April 28, 2017

126 Trenerry Crescent, Abbotsford

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Conference overview

Inclusive education is about **including everyone** and making a commitment to provide each student in the community, each citizen in a democracy, with the right to belong. Inclusion assumes that living and learning together benefits everyone, not just students who are labelled as having a difference (e.g. those who are gifted, are non-English proficient, or have a disability).

The Andrews government made a commitment to establish Victoria as "the Education State where every Victorian has an equal right to the knowledge and skills to shape their lives. Part of this work is **to promote inclusive practices in schools** so they can better support all children and young people, including those with disabilities and special needs."

Breakout sessions will cover:

Wellbeing

Legislation

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The Katandra Project

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islanders

Respectful Relationships case study

Keynote speakers



Gill Callister is Secretary of the Department of Education and Training (2015-present).

Prior to joining the department, Gill was the Secretary of the Department of Human Services (2009–2014), where she was responsible

for the delivery of child protection, disability, youth, housing and family violence services.

This followed a range of senior roles in the Victorian public service and a ten-year stint in the community sector working with children, young people and families.

Gill is President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Victoria). Her leadership in public policy was recognised in 2013 when she was named in the *Australian Financial Review's* 100 Women of Influence, and received a Sir James Wolfensohn Public Service Scholarship to attend Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

As Secretary of the Department of Education and Training, Gill manages a \$12 billion budget and leads 2,300 corporate staff to administer and improve early childhood, school education, and vocational and higher education services across Victoria. She employs a further 55,000 staff in public schools.



Graeme Innes AM is an Australian company director, lawyer and public speaker. He has been a human rights practitioner for 30 years in NSW and Western Australia and has participated in the development of national and international human rights instruments.

Graeme was Australia's Disability Discrimination Commissioner from December 2005 until July 2014. During that time he also served as Australia's Human Rights Commissioner for three and a half years and as Race Discrimination Commissioner for two years.



Dr Tim Soutphommasane has been Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner since August 2013. Prior to joining the Australian Human Rights Commission, Tim was a political philosopher and held posts at the University of Sydney and Monash

University. His thinking on multiculturalism, national identity and patriotism has been influential in shaping debates in Australia and Britain.

Tim was born in France and raised in southwest Sydney. He completed a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, and is a first-class honours graduate of the University of Sydney.

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 6.30pm–10.00pm

Pre-conference dinner

Join us for an evening of celebration, thought-provoking speeches and dinner at the Principals' Conference dinner. Whether you are attending the full conference or not, this is your chance to meet other leaders from across the state.

The dinner, at \$140 per person, includes a welcome drink and canapes on arrival, followed by a two course seated dinner with wine, beer and soft drinks.

Tickets for the dinner can be purchased along with registration for the conference via the online registration page.

We are thrilled that while we enjoy our dinner, we will also have the opportunity to hear Project Director for Education International and former federal AEU President **Angelo Gavrielatos OAM** talking about public education from an international perspective. AEU Victorian Branch President **Meredith Peace** will also be reflecting on the AEU's role in leading change around inclusion and diversity.

Guest speaker



Angelo Gavrielatos OAM has spent much of his working life fighting for public education, first as a senior figure with the NSW Teachers Federation in the 1980s and 90s and later as deputy president and president of the Australian

Education Union until 2015. In 2016 he received an OAM for service to education.

"It is humbling. It's an honour to be recognised but at the same time it's a great tribute to teachers across Australia ... whom I've served for many years," he said.

The Punchbowl High School boy began a career in education as a public school teacher in Green Valley.

It was then that he discovered the pressures put on public schools and their teachers.

"What was apparent from when I started teaching and is apparent now is the absolute need to direct resources to where they are needed most, resources to our disadvantaged communities and to other students that need them," Mr Gavrielatos said.

"It is as true today as it was then — if we want every child and every student to reach their full potential, our funding system needs to target resources to where they are needed most and that's the essence of the Gonski funding reform."

Angelo was a key figure leading the fight to establish the Gonski funding model, which

started in 2014 to ensure all children are educated in properly resourced schools.

Angelo is now a project director at Educational International, leading the global campaign challenging the growing privatisation and commercialisation of education.

Dinner program

6.30 pm	Welcome drinks
7.30–10.00 pm	Dinner and speakers



The conference will be held at our new building at 126 Trenerry Crescent, Abbotsford.

Friday, April 28, 2017, 8am–4pm

Conference program

8.00 am	Registration	
9.00 am	CONFERENCE STARTS	
	Official opening	Gill Callister Secretary, Department of Education and Training
	<i>Leadership is considered to be the greatest support or the greatest obstacle to the development and success of inclusive schooling.</i>	Meredith Peace President, Australian Education Union (Victorian Branch)
	Music performance	Furlong School for Deaf Children
	<i>Inclusion is a belief system, not just a set of strategies.</i>	Tim Soutphommasane Race Discrimination Commissioner
	<i>The test of any community is how it treats its vulnerable and disadvantaged.</i>	Graeme Innes AM
1.40 pm	Breakout sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Flourishing through positive leadership strategies.</i> Chris Daicos• <i>Respectful relationships in schools – a case study.</i> Gail Major• <i>Learner at the centre – The Katandra Project.</i> Tracey Walker• <i>The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).</i> Georgina Lyell• <i>Legal compliance and beyond: How the law can help you become an inclusive school.</i> Elly Gay• <i>Aboriginal education and inclusion: Are we there yet? What does inclusion really look like?</i> Angela Singh	
	For more information on breakout sessions go to	aeuvic.asn.au/calendar?EventId=1729
4.00 pm	CONFERENCE CLOSES	

Registration

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AEU Victorian Branch, 126 Trenerry Crescent, Abbotsford 3067
ABN 44673398674

Register online by Friday March 17

Conference options	Cost	URL
1 day conference and dinner	\$360.00 incl GST	aeuvic.asn.au/calendar?EventId=1730
Conference only	\$260.00 incl GST	aeuvic.asn.au/calendar?EventId=1729
Dinner only	\$140.00 incl GST	aeuvic.asn.au/calendar?EventId=1728

Accommodation is available at Quest Abbotsford, 611 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, at a special conference rate of \$169 per night for a studio apartment including free parking; continental breakfast is an additional \$12. Also, there are cafes in the area which provide breakfast with a chargeback to your accommodation. To book, contact Quest Abbotsford directly on 03 9426 1800, quoting *AEU Principals' 2017 Conference*.

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