

# The Leading Edge

## Women in Education Conference

Inspiration, insight and practical strategies for women  
ready to take the next step in their career.

**May 2024** – Melbourne

**August 2024** – Brisbane

**September 2024** – ONLINE



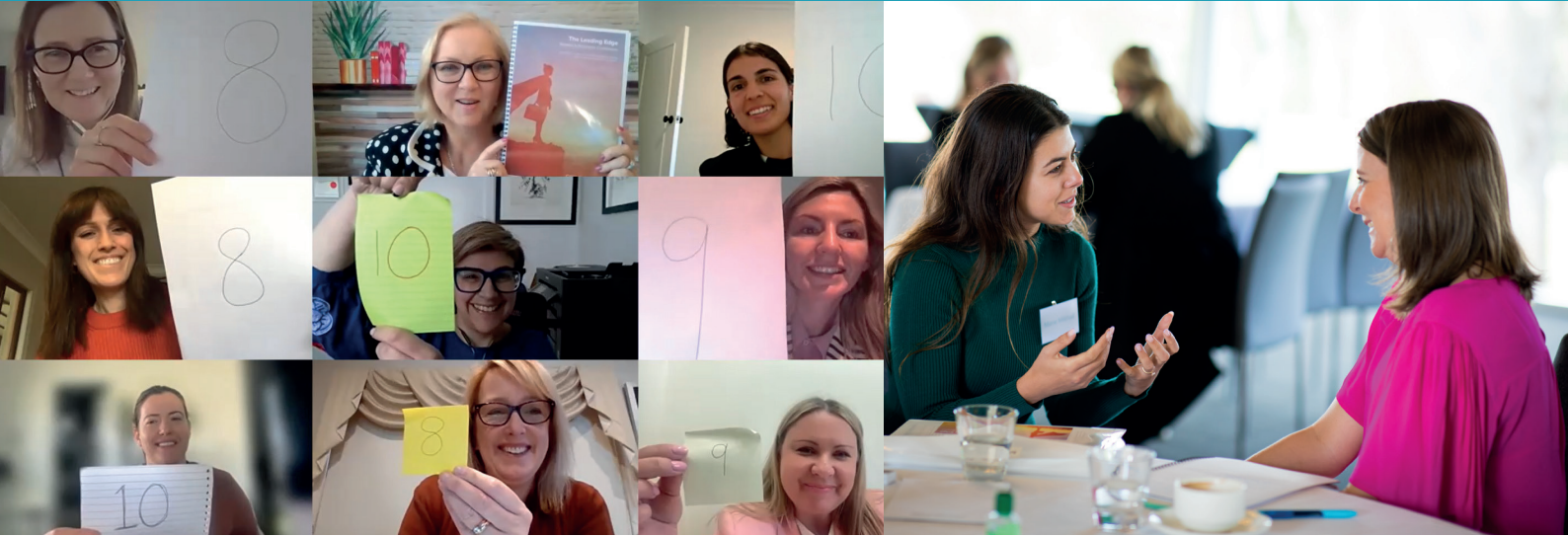
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# Inspiration · Insight · Practical Strategies

Are you ready to take your career to the next level?

## The Leading Edge

Women in Education Conference - 2 day Conference



### How do you know if this conference is for you?

#### You are a woman who wants to...

- Gain practical strategies that can advance your career
- Learn more about the type of leader you can be
- Discover your unique leadership style
- Be better prepared for the next leadership opportunity
- Learn from other female leaders in the industry
- Feel more confident in your ability to lead

**The Leading Edge: Women in Education Conference** is the number one event on the calendar for women looking to advance their career in education.

This event has been the catalyst for hundreds of female leaders across Australia and New Zealand in independent schools to successfully step into new leadership roles and now it's time for you to step up.

*My number one take-away from the exceptional conference is the feeling of empowerment and belief in myself I have been gifted from Janine.*

*Gina Slevac, Scotch Oakburn College, TAS*

*The conference opened my eyes to who I am as a leader and where I want to go. Most importantly, it has given me the tools to navigate my way there.*

*Sarah McCleary, Scotch College, VIC*

*The single most practical and useful PD I've ever attended. It was personalised and affirming for all delegates.*

*Jenine Sapoungis, Brisbane Grammar School, QLD*



## Who Should Attend?

**This 2-day event is designed exclusively for women in education who want to...**

- Step into the next level of leadership
- Unlock the secrets to creating a standout application
- Learn more about who they are as a leader
- Practise their interview technique in a safe and supportive setting
- Banish self-doubt and move confidently into the next phase of leadership
- Refine their understanding of the role of the leader
- Learn strategies they can apply immediately to their leadership style

## Why is this event so important to you right now?

Senior leadership positions are not just about leading the team. There is a clear and substantial void in the career success equation for women. This conference aims to help female leaders learn how to fill these gaps. The fact is for more women to obtain the leadership opportunities they deserve, they need to be more confident, be more comfortable to self-promote and become more strategic.

## Key Take Aways

- Discover the strategic steps you need to take to advance your career.
- Develop your personal action plan.
- Gain a deep insight into the type of leader you are.
- The confidence to apply for leadership roles.
- How to project your best-self in interviews.
- Your personal behavioural profile that gives you the science to recognise the value you bring to your organisation.
- A network of peers to support your journey.

*A well-structured and evidence-based conference outlining and answering the key complexities in taking the next step in leadership. Highly recommend!*

*Amy Kemp, Scotch College, SA*

*Women need to learn to break moulds and work together to grow each other. This conference provides them with a safe space in which to practise those conversations and skills.*

*Naomi Williams, Moreton Bay Boys' College, QLD*



# What you will receive

- Psychometric Profile – 40 page DISC and Driving Forces Profile Report
- Comprehensive Conference Workbook
- Style Guide to help you interpret the behavioural styles of others
- Coaching Focus Learning Kit
- Resume template
- Opportunity to practise your interview technique with an experienced senior leader
- Professional Development Attendance Certificate mapped against AITSL standards

<b>Melbourne Conference</b> Thursday 23 & Friday 24 May 2024	<b>Brisbane Conference</b> Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 August 2024	<b>ONLINE Conference</b> Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 September 2024
<b>Venue: Brighton Beach Hotel, Brighton, VIC</b>	<b>Venue: Victoria Park Golf Club and Function Centre, Herston, QLD</b>	<b>Venue: Wherever you choose to connect</b>
<b>Registrations close:</b> Monday 13 May 2024	<b>Registrations close:</b> Friday 26 July 2024	<b>Registrations close:</b> Friday 23 August 2024
<b>Conference Registration:</b> \$1,320 (plus GST)	<b>Conference Registration:</b> \$1,320 (plus GST)	<b>Conference Registration:</b> \$1,120 (plus GST)
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*Janine Stratford is the owner and founder of Coaching Focus, the company developing leaders in schools to be role models for those around them. She designed The Leading Edge: Women in Education Conference, and has been delivering it, as the Feature Presenter since 2016. A former Deputy Principal, Janine is an internationally qualified Leadership Coach, facilitator and coach-trainer. She is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the International Coach Federation, Master Coach Practitioner and a Certified Professional Behavioural Analyst. Janine now delivers leadership development programs across Australia.*

*The Leading Edge is two days that will empower you, affirm you, challenge you and inspire you. You WILL leave knowing a pathway forward in becoming the best leader you can.*

*Haley Stonham, St Bede's Primary School, ACT.*

# The Leading Edge: Women in Education Conference Program

## Day 1

9.00am – 9.30am

### Conference Opening

9.30am – 10.45am

### Stepping Firmly into your Future

Who are you and how do we know? What does your 'brand' say about you? You already have a brand; it's what people say about you when you are not in the room. Do you know what people are saying? Are you proud of what they are saying or is some re-branding needed? We'll explore branding for the educational leader and clarify your personal branding plan.

10.45am – 11.05am

### Morning Break

11.05am – 12.35pm

### Preparing for Interview: 'Getting your Ducks in a Row'

Going for interviews requires planning and practise. There is a format used in interviewing and a successful process for responding to questions. Together we will explore the pitfalls of interviews and discover techniques for success. We will also break down the questions in preparation for the session on Day 2 titled, Setting You Up For Success.

12.35pm – 1.25pm

### Lunch Break

1.25pm – 4.00pm (includes Afternoon Break 2.40pm – 3.00pm)

### The Value of Profiling

The key to relationships is healthy communication. The DISC is a powerful profiling tool, revealing your behavioural style and how you prefer to communicate. DISC also demonstrates how you can improve your communication with others. We'll discuss the profiling report, you'll see your own profile, and together we'll explore success strategies that you can immediately implement. Your profiling report also maps your key motivators. Once you understand your key drivers, you can align your goals with actions.

### Profile Mapping

Using the combined profiles of delegates, we'll compare the group's Behavioural Profiles and see if patterns exist among leaders, levels and roles.

### Reading Your Profile Report in your own time

Following this session, you will be sent a link to a video. The video will explain the various pages in the DISC Profile Report, what to look for and how to interpret the data. You can watch this video in your own time as you unpack your 40-page report. You are encouraged to have read your report before the conference continues Day 2.

# The Leading Edge: Women in Education Conference Program

## Day 2

9.00am – 9.30am

### Coffee and networking

9.30am – 10.50am

### The Challenges of Leadership and the Extra Ones for Women

Some are natural born leaders and for others it's a learned skill. But what do you need to learn and is it different for women? We will explore the qualities needed for women to be great leaders. Women have natural strengths in leadership and areas that need strengthening. We will look at both and you will determine where you need to place your focus to move forward in your leadership career with confidence.

10.50am – 11.10am

### Morning Break

11.10am – 12.10pm

### Development of Action Agenda

Each delegate will have already received and read through their personalized DISC and Driving Forces Profile Report. The delegates will have the time to explore the messages in their report, looking at communication strategies, strengths, challenges and time wasters. In pairs, the delegates will then coach each other around an immediate action agenda.

12.10pm – 1.00pm

### Lunch Break

1.00pm – 2.15pm

### The Strategic Leadership Journey

During the registration process, each delegate will be asked to provide 3 questions about the challenges of the leadership journey. These questions will be explored in small groups facilitated by a selected panel of senior leaders.

2.15pm – 2.35pm

### Afternoon Break

2.35pm - 3.35pm

### Setting You Up for Success

Whether it be your next interview or performance evaluation conversation, preparing for these meetings requires preparation and practise. In small groups, based on career targets, the delegates will explore the common questions posed and plan and practise their responses. A hand-picked group of senior leaders, from schools across Australia, will facilitate the discussions and provide valuable feedback in each small group.

3.35pm – 4.00pm

### Where to from here

Looking back over the conference learnings, you will examine what you need to do, to strengthen your leadership profile, and identify how you are going to lead differently from tomorrow.