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BOARDER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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WELCOME PACK



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HELLO FROM ABSA

Dear Leaders,

We are very excited to welcome you to our second ABSA Boarder Leadership Conference. Boarding is a very unique and special environment and will hopefully be a place where you build life-long friendships and many life skills which will hold you in good stead for the future. This conference is designed to assist you in your boarding leadership role to help create a better environment for your fellow boarders.

The conference will have a range of collaborative lecture style sessions to ensure practical leadership skills and plans can be taken away and used within the boarding setting. ABSA have engaged Burn Bright who are experts in running engaging and impactful leadership programs for high school students to jointly host this conference.

Through experiential learning and inspirational team leadership from keynote speakers and practical sessions with the engaging youthful team at Burn Bright, our aim is for you to leave confident and with the knowledge about how to lead in a boarding setting.



Richard Stokes
CEO, ABSA

HELLO FROM BURN BRIGHT

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2022 ABSA Boarder Leadership Conference!

We are beyond excited that you are joining us. In partnership with the Australian Boarding Schools Association, it is my greatest pleasure to officially welcome you to the conference.

As leaders in your schools and communities at large, we trust the Boarder Leadership Conference will be an experience that will allow you to continue to grow as individuals and as leaders.

Our hope is you will feel more connected to your vision, who you are, and where you want to go in the future. Be ready to share, dream, encourage and reflect as we journey together for what will be a great day.

In this pack you will find all the information you will need to prepare for the conference. Please familiarise yourself with the program and key requirements.

On behalf of Burn Bright, thank you!



Andy Skidmore
CEO, Burn Bright

BURN BRIGHT 101

Burn Bright is a social enterprise, not-for-profit organisation, that was established in 2014.

At Burn Bright we encourage, challenge and develop students through tailored experiential leadership, wellbeing programs, digital programs and national camps. We are student leadership and wellbeing specialists who work with students from Year 5 to Year 12 in a collaborative, fun and inclusive team culture. This brings about positive behavioural change, a shift in mindset and personal wellbeing, allowing students to make informed choices and decisions.

We have a team based in Sydney who travel to all parts of Australia to work with young people and partner with schools on a daily basis.

The acquired leadership behaviours, wellbeing habits and character traits help build meaningful, healthy and positive long-lasting skills and friendships that will continue beyond the school years.

In short, Burn Bright provides the fuel and the spark that ignites the potential within every student, leading to enhanced self-efficacy and a heightened sense of personal wellbeing.

For more info, and to check out what we do, head over to our website via the button below.

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THE PROGRAM

WELCOME FROM ABSA AND BURN BRIGHT (15 minutes)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP - A PERSONAL STORY

Hayden McEvoy, Founder at A Team Tuition (30 minutes)

BURN BRIGHT WORKSHOP #1 *TURNING LEADERSHIP INTO REALITY*

What actually is leadership? In this workshop we will start with an understanding of leadership, and practice connecting with the people we will lead with as well as be leading. (20 minutes)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER- ESSENTIALS OF LEADERSHIP - *BE THE LEADER YOU WANT TO BE*

Dr George Hrivnak, Bond University (30 minutes)

BURN BRIGHT WORKSHOP #2: BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR LEGACY LEADERSHIP

Leadership foundations - we all have them, but how strong and effective are yours? In this collaborative workshop, Burn Bright will explore what makes you you, and how to leverage these traits to shape the leader you want to be known and remembered for (30 minutes)

LUNCH - (30 minutes)

Welcome Back from Burn Bright - (15 minutes)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - SERVICE LEADERSHIP - *TRANSFORM THE FUTURE*

Billie Murphy, General Manager, Solar Buddy (20 minutes)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - PRACTICAL LEADERSHIP - *LEADING WITHIN A BOARDING ENVIRONMENT*

Kate Kovacs, Loreto Normanhurst (30 minutes)

BURN BRIGHT WORKSHOP #3: *SETTING A SUCCESSFUL VISION*

What is vision? How do we set ourselves a vision? How do we set ourselves a vision that is going to be successful? In this collaborative workshop Burn Bright will explore the elements of a successful vision and provide students with the tools to set a short term goal (6 months) and a long term goal (12 months).

We recognise that the journey to achieving vision isn't linear and requires more than aspiration to be successful. We believe accountability is a major contributor to success; students will have the opportunity to connect and share their vision with others, to ensure a support network in achieving their goals. (30 minutes)

Wrap up and Goodbye (25 minutes)



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KEYNOTES



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HAYDEN MCEVOY

It is Hayden's vision to redefine the Australian education system by providing students with the untapped secrets of high performing students in a whole-scale attempt to improve theirs and ultimately societies prospective capabilities.

A Team Tuition Pty Ltd was created as a movement in education, rather than a tutoring organisation. The company has grown from himself teaching students how to become high performers in 2010 to an army of over 300 high performance tutors transforming 1000's of students lives across Australia. A Team Tuition's 2020-2025 strategic plan is to expand Australia wide across 12 key cities to provide all students the opportunity to succeed within school.

Dr. George A. Hrivnak (Ph.D., George Washington University) is an Assistant Professor of Management at Bond University. George teaches organisational behaviour, negotiation, leadership, and change management subjects and works with students in the undergraduate, graduate, and executive programs. George's research focuses on management education and development, including leadership development, experiential learning, instructional design and assessment and transfer of learning. He is an editorial board member of the Academy of Management Learning & Education and a board member of Bond University's Centre for Applied Research in Learning, Engagement, Andragogy & Pedagogy.

DR GEORGE HRIVNAK



BILLE MURPHY

Billie is a General Manager specialising in Corporate Social Responsibility, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and the health and well-being of young people. She is currently working at SolarBuddy, an Australian Charity uniting a global community to provide solar lights to children living in energy poverty. She has worked in both primary and high schools, teaching a variety of subjects in England, Australia and India. She is passionate about using her teaching, presenting and leadership skills to have a positive impact on the world.

Being a teacher herself, she believes every child has the right to an education and the ability to study in a safe, healthy environment. Her personal values align perfectly with SolarBuddy's ultimate focus being the children we support through the gift of light.



ZAHLI BAHNISCH

Zahli grew up in Central Queensland and was a Boarder in Toowoomba for six years. She attended Toowoomba Anglican School for Year 7 and completed Year 8 to 12 at Fairholme College, graduating in 2019. Whilst at school, Zahli pushed herself academically, loved playing sport and running around the boarding house. Zahli went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts majoring in International Relations and Australian Studies at Bond University in 2021.

She worked as a tutor with one of our partners, A Team Tuition, and is passionate about helping school students with Maths, English and Humanities. She is keen to bring life to the social media side of ABSA and foster positive competition between schools to show the world how amazing life as a Boarder can be.

KATE KOVACS



Kate Kovacs is the Director of Boarding at Loreto Normanhurst with a background in teaching PE. Kate leads a team of almost 40 boarding staff and a community of close to 200 boarders. Kate has practical experience in leading within a residential community and will share many of her insights with you today. She sits on the National Boarding of Australian Boarding Schools Association is the current NSW Regional Chair of ABSA.

“At the heart of Loreto Normanhurst boarding are relationships and an inclusive feel. Boarding is about a network of friends from around the state, nation, and world... it's about opportunity and investing in your child's future.”

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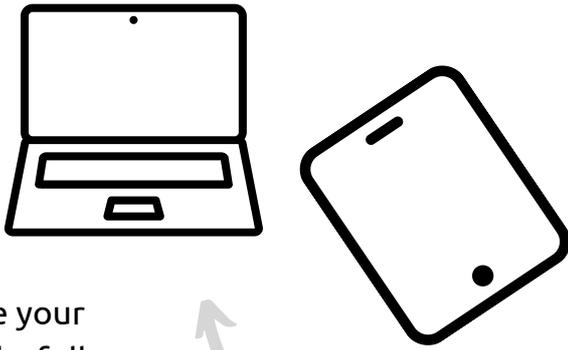
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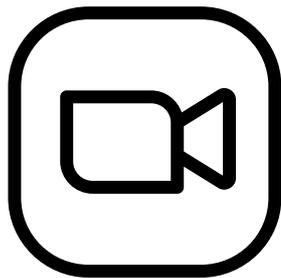
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Please have some headphones ready to go as this will allow you to hear us and us to hear you well.

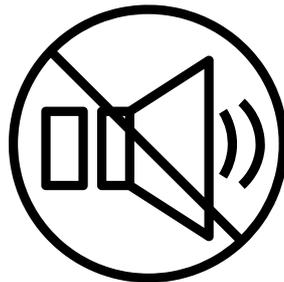


**RESOURCES
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Please prepare some blank sheets of paper and some markers or something to write with.



Please have Zoom downloaded on your device ready to use the Zoom link provided.



Please, if possible, ensure you are in a room where there is limited background noise and you can move freely.



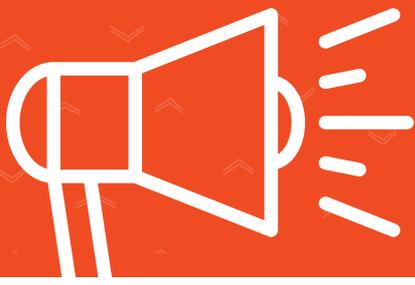
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MORE INFORMATION

Due to the conference being facilitated online, there are some specific technology and spatial requirements in order for the conference to run smoothly. Here is more detail in complement to the above.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

A laptop or desktop computer is preferred (either Mac, Windows or Chromebook).

- Apple computers: minimum of macOS Catalina is required.
- Windows computers: minimum of Windows 10 is required.
- Chromebook computers: latest operating system is required.

Your computer is required to have a functioning **webcam** and functioning **microphone** or the ability to connect a microphone (through headphone etc). All delegates require a pair of headphones which are to be worn during all sessions.

As a last resort an iPad may suffice however this will make the experience more challenging. All iPads must have IOS 14.0.1 as a minimum.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

During the conference it is important that all students have an appropriate space to view and participate in the conference. As ABSA delegates, you are asked to be in a room that gives you the ability to have conversations without being interrupted, is well lit so that you can be easily seen and has enough floor space to move around comfortably (for example, space to do a star jump or push-up).

Delegates are asked to be positioned at a desk or table throughout the conference and be on their own device. I.e please, no device sharing as we would like to interact with students equally from their own platform.



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GET SOCIAL

Want to connect with ABSA or Burn Bright? Check out the socials and websites below.

Both organisations exist to invest in and help develop young people in their leadership journey, so please feel free to connect and reach out, anytime!



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