

Community of Practice

Inclusion Through Collaboration

Event schedule

8:45am–3:30pm

Welcome

20 mins

MCs	Maryanne Gosling National Director, Aspect Education	Katie Fleet Education Programs Evaluation Manager, Aspect Education
8:45 am	Greg Warren MP Parliamentary Secretary	Welcome remarks
8:55 am	Kate Washington MP Minister for Disability inclusion and Member for Port Stephens	Opening address
9:05 am	Maryanne Gosling National Director, Aspect Education	Setting the scene

Practitioners session 1: Partnering with students as active contributors

90 mins

9:15 am	Michael Theo Actor and Autism Consultant	My education experience
9:30 am	Dr Ben Bailey Researcher and Lecturer, University of Newcastle	From evidence to action: moving toward inclusive literacy with Autistic learners
9:45 am	Stephanie Hopkins Principal, Arranounbai School	Student voice, the Arranounbai journey
10:00 am	Rowena Perritt and Haty Fiorani Principal and Leader of Learning and Wellbeing, Aspect South Coast School	Student voice in the IP process and goal setting
10:15 am	Dr Chris Edwards Research fellow, Aspect Research Centre for Autism Practice (ARCAP)	Why sport and inclusion matter for every student
10:30 am	Eliza Tait Yr 12 Student and Deputy Premier of NSW Youth Parliament	Student-led reform in reimagining inclusive schooling in Australia

11:00 am Morning tea

30 mins

Practitioners session 2: Building cross-sector and community partnerships

60 mins

11:30 am	Melinda Dinale and Joanne Tisdell Specialist: Diverse Learning Infrastructure (Sydney Catholic Schools) and Principal, Aspect South East Sydney School	The satellite model – collaboration between Catholic and Aspect schools
11:45 am	Jess Rowlings CEO of Next Level Collaboration and Honorary Enterprise and Research Fellow, University of Melbourne	Developing Autistic students communication skills through gaming
12:00 pm	Chris Champion and Craig Smith Director and Manager of Technology and Innovation, Positive Partnerships	Positive Partnerships and inclusive education
12:15 pm	Kathleen Davey and Jasmine Gough CEO, Clinical Psychologist and Researcher, Social Science Translated (SST)	Beyond the classroom: building identity, amplifying student voice, and creating inclusive communities that respect diversity

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Expert Panel: Working with allied health professionals
20 mins

12:30 pm	Anna Brady Principal, Aspect Vern Barnett School	Jennifer Winstone Co-Founder of Commspec and Speech Therapist, Macquarie University	Jenny Zagas Principal, Lucas Gardens School	Avalon Nixon Qualia Occupational Therapy for Children
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1:00 pm
Lunch: Speaker’s Garden
45 mins

Practitioners Session 3: Collaborating with parents and carers
65 mins

MC	Angus Hamill Radio presenter and ex Aspect student		
1:50 pm	Patricia Seeto Parent of ex Aspect students	Collaboration in action: supporting my Autistic child through partnership with schools	
2:05 pm	Jill Hellemans Board Certified Behaviour Analyst and Certified Special Educator	Success in schooling: Why inclusion must begin in early childhood	
2:20 pm	Melanie Meers Principal, Anson Street School – Orange	“We”: Connecting school and home for inclusive futures	
2:35 pm	Kathryn Stuart and Amanda Yates Principal and Head of Learning and Wellbeing, Aspect Riverina School	Play, voice, choice: gamifying the IEP process with students and parents	

Expert Panel: Best practice in collaborating with parents
20 mins

2:50 pm	Rebecca New Head Autism Unit, Forest High School	Toby Martin Head Special Education and Inclusion Program (SEIP), Saint Ignatius’ College Riverview	Raeleigh Kerr Head of Learning and Wellbeing, Aspect South Coast School	Irfan Hussain Parent of Aspect student
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Closing
10 mins

3:10 pm	Janelle Saffin MP Co-Chair, Parliamentary Friends of People with Autism and Member for Lismore	Closing statement
3:20 pm	Maryanne Gosling National Director, Aspect Education	Thank you
3:30 pm	End	