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Friday 27 November 2026

Event schedule **8:45 am–3:30 pm**

Welcome — 20 mins

8:50 am	**Sean Tierney** Director Global Education, Sales and Strategy	**Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**
9:00 am	**Maura Manning** General Manager, Autism Services	**Opening statement and Aspect welcome**
9:05 am	**Bethany Woodman** MC and Autistic Advocate	**Overview of the day**

Morning presentations — 80 mins

9:10 am	**Microsoft workshop**	**Practical tools to support accessibility, engagement and inclusive teaching.**
9:50 am	**Dan Hart** CEO, CurricuLLM	**How educators and parents can support transitions from curriculum to classroom: using AI to personalise learning**

10:30 am Morning tea — 20 mins

10:50 am	**Laetitia Andrac** Co-founder/CEO, Understanding Zoe **Jill Hellemans** Clinical Director, All Aboard Inclusion	**Reducing the mental load: AI-powered support for families and educators**
11:30 am	**David Bugden** ICT Integration Lead, Aspect Education	**Learning by making: using technology to create, build and explore**
12:00 pm	**Craig Smith** Technology & Innovation Manager, Positive Partnerships	**The Universal Sandpit: exploring AI for inclusive classrooms**

12:45 pm Lunch — 45 mins

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Afternoon presentations — 110 mins

1:30 pm	**Panel discussion**	**Inclusive technology in the classroom: perspectives from lived experience and practice**
2:00 pm	**Assoc Prof Matthew Harrison** The University of Melbourne **Kate Hughes** Teacher, Aspect **Jarrah Porsbro** Teacher Aide, Aspect	**Press B to Belong: exploring how gaming can support communication, participation and belonging for Autistic students**
2:50 pm	**Collaboration Session**	**What works in our classrooms: teachers sharing tools and practice**

Closing — 10 mins

3:20 pm	**Bethany Woodman** MC and Autistic Advocate	**Closing and Thank you**

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