ASSESSFEST Metrics that Matter: Redefining learning success and pathways

6 November 2025. Arts West Building, The University of Melbourne. Royal Parade, Parkville

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8:30 - 8:50	**Registration**				
9:00 - 9:50 **Kathleen Fitzpatrick Theatre (B101)**	**Welcome** • Professor Marek Tesar | Dean of Education, Faculty of Education, The University of Melbourne • Angela Pollock | Director, Research-Practice Partnerships, Melbourne Metrics • Tony Mackay AM **Opening Address:** ***The Drivers and the Path Ahead: Transforming Schooling and Transitions*** • Enterprise Professor Sandra Milligan | Executive Director, Melbourne Metrics				
9:50 - 10:05	**Transition to Levels 3 & 4**				
10:05 - 11:00	**School Lightning Fair** *Meet with a range of schools who will share their work in this space. Stop for 15min at up to 3 school 'stations' to learn from leaders in schools and ask questions.*				
Level 4	Fitzroy High School & Wurun Senior Campus VIC Camberwell Girls Grammar School VIC All Saints' College WA Marlborough Girls College NZ **Room 453**	The Knox School VIC St Columba Anglican School NSW St Michael's Collegiate TAS **Room 454**	Methodist Ladies' College WA Princes Hill Primary School VIC Jerrabomberra High School NSW **Room 455**	Emmanuel Anglican College NSW Scotch College Adelaide SA Bayside P-12 College VIC Yule Brook College WA Woodleigh School VIC **Room 456**	Rossmoyne Senior High School WA Santa Sophia Catholic College NSW **Room 461**
Level 3	Clonard College VIC Hunter Sports High School NSW Glenunga International High School **Room 354**	Yeronga SHS QLD St Michael's Grammar School VIC Nangiloc Colignan & District Primary School VIC **Room 355**	Chevalier College NSW James Fallon High School NSW Pulteney Grammar School SA Wesley College VIC Genazzano FCJ College VIC **Room 356**	John Wollaston Anglican Community School WA The Friends' School TAS **Room 361**	

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11:00 - 11:30 Levels 3 & 4	**Morning Tea**				
11:30 - 12:30	**Block 1- You choose: Hear from other key people in the ecosystem and have your say**				
	Perspectives from the issuers of next-gen senior secondary certificates • Big Picture Schools: Viv White (Co-founder and CEO) • SACE Board and their Learner Profile: Virginia Steele (Program Manager) • VCAA and the VCE VM: Sue Bell (Executive Director, Senior Secondary Reform) • Melbourne Metrics and the Australian Learner Competency Credential: Sandra Milligan	**International perspectives on new metrics for learning** • Council of International Schools: Professor Shanton Chang • New England Association of Schools & Colleges: Darlene Fisher • International Baccalaureate Organisation: Dr Angela Meikle (Head of IB World Schools) • Alternative Learning System in the Philippines: Dr Bruce Beswick	**Perspectives from the primary and early years: The importance of a K-12 line of sight** • Scotch College Adelaide SA • Spensley Street Primary school VIC • Nangiloc Colignan & District Primary School VIC	**Leading the conditions for transformation of learning in schools** • The Studio School, All Saints College WA • Hunter Sports High School NSW • Woodleigh School VIC	**Are you a young person at this event?** Join this session to discuss student advocacy and agency in this space
	Chair: Jayne Johnston	**Chair: Dr Ellen Heyting**	**Chair: Lynn Davie**	**Chair: Dr Jason Pietzner**	**With Jillian Brown & Dr Narelle English**
	Forum Theatre (Room 150)	**Room 453**	**Room 356**	**Room 456**	**Room 355**
12:30 - 12:40	**Transition**				

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12:40 - 13:40 **Block 2- You choose: Hear from other key people in the ecosystem and have your say**

Perspectives from the tertiary admission centres A discussion with: • UAC • VTAC • SATAC	**Lessons from Big Picture about establishing a new international credential** A case study of an alternative to the ATAR being used by students for entry to university	**Building Confidence in New Forms of Learning, Recognition, Assessment & Warranting: Implications for admissions, course selection & student experience** A discussion with Professor Simon Ridings (Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, Swinburne University)	**Honouring learner's agency, interests and passions in measuring success** A 'teacherly' workshop
Chairs: Teresa Tjia and Nerida Bewick	**Chair: Viv White**	**Chair: Tony Mackay**	**Chair: Dr Ellen Heyting**
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13:40 - 14:30 **Lunch**
Ground Floor

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14:30 - 15:30 — **Block 3- You choose: Hear from other key people in the ecosystem and have your say**

A case study from New Metrics: Carey Baptist Grammar School's journey to credentialing and the emergence of 'ATAR Plus'.

Hear from a 'first mover' school implementing new assessment, reporting and credentialing across their five-year journey

Chair: Kate Croft

Forum Theatre (Room 150)

Doing admissions differently: what Universities are doing beyond the ATAR

- Sonal Singh (Head of Equity Pathways, University of Technology Sydney)
- Leanne Arnott (Director Tasmania Engagement, University of Tasmania)
- John Weldon (Associate Professor, Associate Dean Learning and Teaching, Victoria University)
- Jim Tognolini (Professor, Director Centre for Educational Measurement and Assessment, University of Sydney)

Chair: Jayne Johnston

Room 453

Developing a stronger Secondary/Tertiary interface to support harmonisation and lifelong learning systems

- Peter Dawkins AO (Emeritus Professor of Economics, Mitchell Institute, Victoria University)
- Craig Robertson (Chief Executive, Victorian Skills Authority)
- Megan Lilly (Deputy Commissioner, Jobs & Skills Australia)

Chair: Tony Mackay

Room 356

A new paradigm: Capabilities in senior secondary education in South Australia

Hear from the SACE Board and two schools in SA exploring capabilities in senior secondary

Chair: Dr Jason Pietzner

Room 456

15:30 - 15: 40 — **Transition to Kathleen Fitzpatrick Theatre (B101)**

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Closing session: Summing up

Key stakeholder groups reflect on the promise and challenges of crafting a new grammar of schooling and the transformation of senior secondary transitions