

2009 NSW State SRC Conference



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Conference Program



2009 State SRC Conference, *Support, Respect, Connect* Tuesday 11 August 2009

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER/PRESENTER	LOCATION
9.00am	Registration	Conference Action Team	Conference office
9.30am	Acknowledgement of Country National Anthem Introduction of the 2009 State SRC Conference Action Team	Ben Costa, Dubbo Col Sen. Campus Coordinator, Student Leadership & SRCs Conference Action Team	Auditorium
9.45am	Official Opening	Trevor Fletcher, Deputy Director-General (Schools)	Auditorium
10.00am	Whole Group Ice-Breakers Colour Group Introductory Session Introduction to the conference folder	Colour Group Leaders	Auditorium Then Colour Group Areas
10.40am	Regional SRC reports * 10 mins each	Northern Sydney Region Illawarra/South East Region	Auditorium
11.00am	Morning Tea		Dining Room
11.20am	Introduction to Vision Valley	Vision Valley staff	Auditorium
11.30am	Regional SRC reports * 10 mins each	Hunter/Central Coast Region Sydney Region	Auditorium
11.50am	Keynote address- <i>Support, Respect, Connect</i>	Gillian Calvert, NSW Commissioner for Children and Young People	Auditorium
1.00 pm	Lunch		Dining Room
2.00 pm	2009 NSW Student Representative Council Interim Report	Members of the 2009 NSW SRC	Auditorium
2.20pm	<i>Enviro Inspiro! 2009</i> Viewing of the winning entries from this year's school environment competition	2009 NSW SRC and representatives from NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change	Auditorium
3.00pm	Introduction to the Student Forum: The forum flow chart, Language of Debate and Student Forum Crossword	Colour Group Leaders	Colour Group Areas
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea		Dining Room
4.00pm	Student Forum Rules Mock Student Forum	The Student Forum Team	Auditorium Then in colour groups
5.00pm	Self-Directed Activities (SDAs) Time to choose Flexi-shops & Physical Activity	All Participants	Various
5.30pm	SDAs Conference Action Team Meeting	All Participants Conference Action Team	Various Ark 2
6.00pm	Dinner		Dining Room
6.45pm	Clean up/Set up Auditorium/Self-Directed Activities (SDAs)	Various	Auditorium
7.30pm	<i>Rebound</i> Multi-Media Presentation	Motivational Media	Auditorium
8.30pm	<i>Rebound</i> Activity	Colour Group Leaders	Colour Group Areas
9.00pm	SDA/Participation Mural Time to complete conference evaluation	All Participants	Various
9.30pm	Supper		Dining Room
9.50pm	All participants in their own rooms Time to write Warm Fuzzies	All Participants	All Lodges
10.30pm	Lights out	All Participants	All Lodges

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER/PRESENTER	LOCATION
7.30am	Set up for Meal/SDAs	Various	Dining Room
7.45am	Breakfast		Dining Room
8.30am	Regional SRC Meeting 1 to prepare for the Student Forum	Regional SRC groups	Regional SRC Meetings (Refer to map)
9.00am	Regional SRC reports * 10 mins each	New England Region North Coast Region Western Sydney Region	Auditorium
9.30am	'Theme' Flexi-Shops-Session 1: <i>Support, Respect, Connect</i>	Various	Flexi-shop areas (Refer to map)
11.00am	Morning Tea		Dining Room
11.30am	'Theme' Flexi-Shops-Session 2: <i>Support, Respect, Connect</i>	Various	Flexi-shop areas (Refer to map)
1.00pm	Lunch		Dining Room
2.00pm	Physical Activity	Conference Action Team	Various
3.00pm	The 'Duke of Edinburgh' Program - Opportunities for students to get involved	Mark Roach, Duke of Edinburgh Awards	Auditorium
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	Various	Outside
4.00pm	<i>Charter for SRCs</i> activity	All Participants	Colour Group Areas
4.30pm	Regional SRC Meeting 2 Each region to hand in ONE recommendation to the Student Forum Panel.	Regional SRC groups	Regional meetings (Refer to map)
5.30pm	Student Forum Panel prioritise recommendations	Student Forum Panel	Lodge 3
5.30pm	SDAs/Mural for participants	All Participants	Various
5.30pm	Conference Action Team Meeting	Conference Action Team	Ark 2
6.00pm	Dinner		Dining Room
7:00pm	SDAs/Mural	All Participants	Various
7.30pm	<i>Drum Beats</i>	All Participants	Auditorium
8.30pm	Trivia competition	All Participants	Auditorium
9.15pm	Supper		Dining Room
9.40pm	All participants return to lodges Time to write Warm Fuzzies Time to complete conference evaluation	All Participants	All Lodges
10.20pm	All participants in their own rooms	All Participants	All Lodges
10.30pm	Lights out	All Participants	All Lodges

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7.30am	Set up for Meal/SDAs	Various	Dining Room
7.45am	Breakfast		Dining Room
8.30am	Regional SRC Meeting 3 to consider published recommendations for the Student Forum	Regional SRC groups	Regional meetings (Refer to map)
9.00am	Regional SRC reports * 10 mins each	South Western Sydney Region Riverina Region Western NSW Region	Auditorium
9.30am	'Skills Development' Flexi-shop Session 1 Student Leadership Flexi-shops: White, red, orange, yellow and green attend <i>Rising Generations</i> : Blue, purple, pink, silver and gold attend	Various presenters <i>Rising Generations</i>	Various Auditorium
11.00am	Morning Tea		Dining Room
11.30am	'Skills Development' Flexi-shop Session 2 Student Leadership Flexi-shops: Blue, purple, pink, silver and gold attend <i>Rising Generations</i> : White, red, orange, yellow and green attend	Conference Action Team <i>Rising Generations</i>	Various Auditorium
1.00pm	Lunch		Dining Room
2.00pm	The Student Forum	Conference Action Team	Auditorium
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea		Dining Room
4.00pm	Photo Session	All Participants to wear conference T-shirt	The grassed slope
4.30pm	Colour Group and Evaluation	Conference Action Team	Colour group areas
5:00pm	SDAs and completion of Participation Mural	All Participants	Various
5.30pm	Conference Action Team Meeting	Conference Action Team	Ark 2
6.00pm	Dinner		Dining Room
6.45pm	Preparation for dance Last chance to write <i>Warm Fuzzies</i>	All Participants	Various
8.00 pm	CRUSH Dance Party - theme ' <i>The Roaring Twenties</i> '	All Participants	Auditorium
10.30pm	Supper	All Participants	Dining Room
10.45pm	All participants to vacate the auditorium	All Participants	
11.00pm	All participants in their own rooms Time to complete conference evaluation	All Participants	Lodges
11.30pm	Lights Out	All Participants	Lodges

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER/PRESENTER	LOCATION
7.00am	All participants prepare to depart Pack up/Clean up rooms and lodges	All Participants	All Lodges
7.30am	Set up for breakfast		Dining Room
7.45am	Breakfast		Dining Room
8.15am	Clean up after Meals Check all lodges and colour group areas for cleanliness	All Participants	
8.30am	Housekeeping Hand in any outstanding evaluations and clean up colour group areas	Conference Action Team	Auditorium
8.45am	<i>Core-shop: Taking Action!</i>	Colour Group Leaders	Colour Group Areas
9:45am	Colour Group Debrief	Colour Group Leaders	Colour Group Areas
10.15am	Closing Address	Jane Simmons, Regional Director, Northern Sydney Region	Auditorium
10.30am	<i>Connecting the Dots</i>	Noel Grannall Coordinator, Student Leadership and SRCs	Auditorium
10.45am	<i>The Last Word</i>	All Participants	Auditorium
11.00am	Morning Tea		Dining Room
11.30am	Departure	All Participants	Bus departs for Hornsby Station from bottom car park

Support, Respect, Connect FLEXI-SHOP OPTIONS

Wednesday 12 August

FLEXI-SHOP	CONTENT	CONTACT DETAILS
<p>1 Get involved through physical activity!</p>	<p>This fun interactive session will show SRCs how they can engage a broad range of students at school through physical activities. Activities in this session will include Polo Hockey, Sofcrosse, Ultimate Frisbee and Speedball. All activities will allow for a wide variety of skills, knowledge and ability. The flexi-shop will include question and answer time and reflection on ways for SRCs to use these sorts of activities at school.</p>	<p>Noel Fitzgerald, Sport Project Officer, Strategic Initiatives (DET) Noel.Fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au</p>
<p>2 Day For Change - How small change can make a big difference</p>	<p>This workshop will provide an overview of UNICEF's work for children around the world and the <i>Day for Change</i> project which is run in schools across Australia. Focus will be on the <i>Schools For Africa</i> project which is the target project for this year's <i>Day For Change</i> activities. The workshop will allow participants to discuss ways for SRCs to organise a fun event in their own school to support students in Mozambique, where many disadvantaged children don't get a chance to go to school.</p>	<p>Filippa Wittenberg, Advocacy/Education for Development Officer, UNICEF Australia fwittenberg@unicef.org.au Brian Powyer, Special Consultant, Day For Change, UNICEF Australia bpowyer@optusnet.com.au</p>
<p>3 Make a Difference with Positive Connections</p>	<p>This workshop will explore strategies for improving the wellbeing of students through the use of positive interventions. Participants will be given an opportunity to talk about projects they have been involved in that made a difference to the culture and friendliness of their school. Participants will use <i>Creating Connections: Student to Student</i>, a wellbeing and resilience resource developed by the NSW SRC in conjunction with <i>MindMatters</i>.</p>	<p>Dori Wisniewski Coordinator, AGQTP <i>Safe Schools: Making the Links</i> Project (DET) Dori.Wisniewski@det.nsw.edu.au</p>
<p>4 Make the Move! - How you can help counter bullying</p>	<p>This workshop will provide an overview of the latest issues related to bullying in schools. The workshop will allow participants to discuss ways for SRCs to better support students and will provide opportunities to investigate and learn how SRCs can apply effective strategies to help decrease bullying in schools. Participants will use activities from the DET resource, <i>Taking Action, Keeping Safe - A resource for student leaders to counter bullying</i>.</p>	<p>Trish Kokany, Coordinator, In school Programs and Suspension Centres (DET) Trish.Kokany@det.nsw.edu.au</p>

<p>5 Values, Respect and Respectful Relationships</p>	<p>What is respect? How do you get it? This workshop will explore the findings from the last four years of Values Education Forums. Participants will discuss the meaning of respect in the school community and develop strategies for SRCs to promote respectful relationships.</p>	<p>Elaine Bennett Coordinator, Values and Social Responsibility (DET) Elaine.Bennett@det.nsw.edu.au</p>
<p>6 'Same Difference' Anti-Homophobia Workshop</p>	<p>Come to an interactive session exploring issues about same-sex attraction and homophobia in schools using school based scenarios and activities. Two young people will speak of their personal stories and experiences of being a young same-sex attracted person. There will be an opportunity to discuss ideas and action plan around what SRCs can do within schools about affirming sexual diversity and addressing homophobia to empower students to make the school environment a safe place for all.</p>	<p>Liz Hammond, Manager Health Promotion, Family Planning NSW lizh@fpnsw.org.au Yuri Chernenko, Health Promotion Officer, Family Planning NSW yuric@fpnsw.org.au</p>
<p>7 Cultural Exchange Program</p>	<p>Learn about ways for student leaders to challenge racism and promote community harmony through cultural exchanges. When students from diverse communities and backgrounds interact with and learn from each other, barriers and cultural stereotypes are broken down, myths are challenged and community harmony is created. Come along and examine strategies to explore issues of belonging, inclusion and exclusion.</p>	<p>Mary Nuttall-Smith, Multicultural Programs Unit (DET) Mary.Nuttall-smith@det.nsw.edu.au and Michael Harmey, Principal Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre Michael.Harmey@det.nsw.edu.au</p>
<p>8 What kids want in the classroom</p>	<p>So what <i>do</i> kids want in the classroom? What sorts of teaching and learning work best? This workshop will allow participants to discuss how to engage students in quality teaching and learning. Students will have opportunities to discuss what makes teaching and learning relevant and engaging to them. SRCs will be provided with strategies on how to start conversations about what kids want in the classroom in their own schools.</p>	<p>Les Tryk, teacher and SRC adviser Glendale Technology High School Les.Tryk@det.nsw.edu.au and Mark Snedden, Deputy Principal Glendale Technology High School Mark.Snedden@det.nsw.edu.au</p>

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FLEXI-SHOP OPTIONS Thursday 13 August

FLEXI-SHOP	CONTENT	CONTACT DETAILS
<p>1 Understanding and Negotiating Conflict: The Sun Tzu Approach</p>	<p>This is a physically active workshop and participants will need to wear closed shoes and a shirt (No thongs or singlets). This workshop proposes that it is possible to transfer skills learnt in 'game play' into everyday conflict resolution. This innovative 'games-centred' approach uses the four ways of 'Doing Battle' outlined in <i>The Art of War-Sun Tzu</i> (500BC). Participants will explore the nature of conflict and develop ways of negotiating through conflict.</p>	<p>Dean Dudley, Lecturer in Health and Physical Education, Course Coordinator: Bachelor of Education (Health & Physical Education) Faculty of Education/School of Human Movement Studies Charles Sturt University Email: ddudley@csu.edu.au</p>
<p>2 Speak Up, Speak Out - Advocacy Workshop</p>	<p>This workshop will explain what advocacy is and the skills needed to be an advocate. The workshop will allow participants to learn practical skills so that SRC members can be effective advocates on issues that affect their schools and the quality of school life.</p>	<p>Zeah Behrend, Senior Participation Officer, NSW Commission for Children and Young people zeah.behrend@kids.nsw.gov.au Stevin Stifo, Policy Trainee, NSW CCYP stevin.stifo@kids.nsw.gov.au</p>
<p>3 Boys, Girls and Student Leadership: researching the issues at your school</p>	<p>This workshop will explore gender based issues affecting student participation and engagement in leadership. Participants will discuss the issues that affect the participation of boys and girls in the range of leadership opportunities available throughout schooling. Strategies will be provided that students can use to investigate this issue in their school community. A range of research strategies will be modeled to show how to gather and interpret research data.</p>	<p>Leah Anderson Coordinator, Boys and Girls Education (DET) Leah.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au Assisted by: Raynor Hicks, Sarah Knagge, Luke Sherlock and Willem Watson, NSW SRC members</p>
<p>4 The Accidental Diplomat: Working behind enemy lines</p>	<p>The hardest battles for SRCs can be convincing 'the other side' that your presence and ideas are worthwhile. This workshop will investigate ways for SRCs to negotiate the difficult terrain of 'school structure'. Skills development areas will include strategies for engaging school executives and staff, effective meetings, assertive communication and student diplomacy.</p>	<p>Brogan Mulhall Coordinator, Student Participation Initiatives (DET) brogan.mulhall@det.nsw.edu.au</p>
<p>5 Rising Generations: A little less conversation ... a little more action!</p>	<p>Does your SRC have lots of ideas but not a lot of fire power or direction on how to reach them? This interactive and practical workshop gives student leaders some thought provoking strategies to assist their SRC to get creative, get connected and get active. It will explore how to overcome some of the common pitfalls of SRCs (e.g. lack of motivation, lack of SRC profile) and will celebrate some past SRC success stories.</p>	<p>Rising Generations - www.risinggenerations.org.au Ph: 02 9499 5513 E: info@risinggenerations.org.au</p>