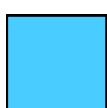


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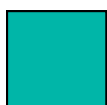
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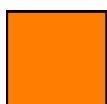
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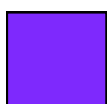
Student Engagement - Marketing & Comms, Events & Activities



Student Support - Welfare & Wellbeing, Volunteering, Advocacy



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Clubs & Societies



Relevant to Multiple Networks

MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

PRE-CONFERENCE WELCOME NETWORK EVENT

6pm - 8pm

Start your SENCON 2026 – Belong experience by coming together with delegates from across the SEN community. Meet new people, reconnect with familiar faces and start building the connections and sense of belonging that will carry throughout the conference.

Location: The Governor Hotel, Macquarie Park

TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

8:00AM - 8:45AM	REGISTRATION					
8:45AM - 9:00AM	<u>WELCOME TO COUNTRY</u> <u>Sam Ricketts, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), Macquarie University</u>					
9:00AM - 9:30AM	<u>OPENING ADDRESS</u> <u>Professor S Bruce Dowton - Vice Chancellor & President, Macquarie University</u>					
9:30AM - 9:45AM	CONFERENCE WELCOME					
9:45AM - 10:15AM	MORNING TEA					
10:15AM - 11:15AM	<u>OPENING KEYNOTE</u> <u>The Advantage of Adversity - Bart Walsh</u>					
11:15AM - 11:30AM	MOVE TO NEXT SESSION					
11:30AM - 12:30PM	<u>The Hook Up Workshop: Messaging to Strengthen Safety, Health and Community Through Creative Research Translation</u>	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Event or Activity	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Sport & Recreation Initiatives	<u>Cost of Living Support: From Ideas to Practice</u>	<u>Creating Belonging Through Service Excellence</u>	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Marketing Initiatives
12:30PM - 1:15PM	LUNCH					
1:15PM - 2:15PM	<u>Managing Challenging Conversations - Part 1</u>	<u>Stop Performing, Start Belonging</u>	<u>Creating a Culture of Safety & Care: Understanding and Managing Psychosocial Hazards</u>	<u>Building Communities Students Actually Want to Be Part Of</u>	<u>Belonging By Design</u>	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Initiatives
2:15PM - 2:25PM	MOVE TO NEXT SESSION					
2:25PM - 3:25PM	<u>Managing Challenging Conversations - Part 2</u>	<u>Thriving Through Change: The Human Side of Transformation</u>	<u>Do Your Team Belong?</u>	<u>Connecting Campus life: Smarter Planning for Student, Clubs and Society Events</u>	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Welfare & Wellbeing Initiatives	<u>State of the Student Experience Report</u>
3:25PM - 4:00PM	AFTERNOON TEA					
4:00PM - 4:30PM	<u>Beyond Sponsorship: How Strategic Partnerships Create Student Opportunity</u>	<u>Toolkit for Success: Building Early Connections to Student Support</u>	<u>From Idea to Impact: Empowering Students to Shape Their Own Campus Community Through Student Life Grants</u>	<u>Community Building Through Co-design</u>	<u>Daily Collaboration Between Student Associations</u>	<u>Postgraduate Research Student mental health: Loneliness, Isolation and Belongingness</u>

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

8:00AM - 8:30AM	REGISTRATION					
8:30AM - 9:30AM	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Commercial Initiatives	<u>Be That Teammate: Building Belonging Through Sport and Safer Communities</u>	<u>Rethinking the Food Pantry: Ensuring Sustainability Amid Rising Student Need</u>	<u>Power Skills: Belonging and Thriving at University and Beyond</u>	<u>Working Parents (and their children) Belong in the Workplace</u>	<u>Built to Belong</u>
9:30AM - 9:40AM	MOVE TO NEXT SESSION					
9:40AM - 10:40AM	<u>Engaging with RUOK</u>	<u>SERVE 3.0: What Money Can't Buy. Using Data, Spend and Staffing to Deliver Record Results Without Working Harder</u>	<u>Leading the Next Generation Workforce</u>	SEN Contract Partner Presentations - Details to be confirmed	<u>Drafting a Great Volunteer Agreement</u>	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Clubs & Societies Initiatives
10:40AM - 11:10AM	MORNING TEA					
11:10AM - 12:10PM	<u>More Than Problem Solving: Student Advocacy as a Pathway to Belonging.</u>	<u>Gen Z Unfiltered: Beyond the Stereotypes</u>	<u>Strong to Belong; Incorporating everyday Strength-Spotting to Enhance Student Belonging</u>	<u>AI Anxiety to Access</u>	<u>ASPIRE Events, Venues & Catering: What, Why, How We Achieved a \$765K Turnaround in 12months</u>	<u>Sharing of Online Services & Volunteering Programs in Higher Education</u>
12:10PM - 1:00PM	LUNCH					
1:00PM - 2:00PM	SEN EXPO		Award Finalists Showcase - Best Advocacy Initiatives	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Digital Initiatives	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Orientation Initiatives	
CAMPUS TOURS						
2:00PM - 2:30PM						
2:30PM - 4:30PM						
4:30PM - 6:00PM	CONFERENCE NETWORKING EVENT TIME - 4:30pm - 6:00pm VENUE - Lawns Overlooking Macquarie Lake All Welcome					

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

8:30AM - 9:00AM	REGISTRATION					
9:00AM - 10:00AM	<u>Beyond Welcome Week: Partnering with International Students to Build Belonging</u>	<u>Skills for Belonging: What 2,000+ Student Survey Responses Reveal About the Leaders We're Building</u>	<u>Humans First: People Are the Project Management Project That Never Ends</u>	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Food & Beverage Initiatives	Award Finalists Showcase - Best Volunteering Initiatives	<u>Insights from Manchester Membership Conference 2026</u>
10:00AM - 10:30AM	MORNING TEA					
10:30AM - 11:30AM	<u>A Fireside Chat with James Humpherson - Global General Manager of Humanitix</u>	<u>AI Governance</u>	<u>Preventing Gender-Based Violence Through Student Engagement</u>	<u>What If Belonging Was the KPI</u>	<u>Belonging Beyond Borders: What UK and Canadian Students' Unions Learned by Working Together</u>	<u>BELONG: A Student Voice Framework for Meaningful Engagement</u>
11:30AM - 11:40AM	MOVE TO NEXT SESSION					
11:40AM - 12:40PM	<u>Attracting & Retaining Top Talent</u>	<u>Supporting Neurodiversity & Belonging: A Neuroaffirming Coaching Approach</u>	<u>Finding Your Team: How Universities, Sport and Community Clubs Create Belonging Within and Beyond Campus</u>	<u>Governance is Hot: Creating Extraordinary Student Experiences Without Burning Down the Institution</u>	<u>One Website. Many Ways to Belong</u>	<u>From Passengers to Co-Creators: The BOND That Builds Belonging</u>
12:40PM - 1:25PM	LUNCH					
1:25PM - 2:25PM	<u>Cracking the Code: Gender-Based Violence Prevention & Response</u>	Campus Group	<u>From Surviving to Thriving: The Power of Building Financial Wellbeing in Driving Student Independence and Capacity</u>	Student Awards Programs Roundtable – From Idea to Implementation	SEN Accreditation Roundtable	
2:25PM - 2:45PM	MOVE TO NEXT SESSION					
2:45PM - 3:45PM	CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER - TBC					
3:45PM - 4:00PM	CONFERENCE CLOSE					
6:00PM - 11:30PM	STUDENT EXPERIENCE NETWORK AWARDS GALA DINNER Pre-Dinner Drinks and Canapes Entertainment - Live Music Dress - Cocktail / After 5 Join us for an Inspiring Gala evening where we will announce and celebrate the winners of the 2026 Student Experience Network Awards					