



FINAL DELEGATE INFORMATION

We look forward to welcoming you to the Aspect Autism in Education Conference 5 – 6 May 2016 and the pre-conference workshops on 4 May in Melbourne!

So as to make the most of your conference experience, see below for some pre arrival information.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Aspect Autism in Education Conference 2016 will be held at the **Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre** (closest entry is via the Hilton end at 1 Convention Pl, South Wharf).

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre is easily accessed by car, airport shuttle and public transport. For further information and parking, please visit:

<http://autismineducation.org.au/general-information/getting-there/>

MCEC is an accessible venue. For further information on accessibility at the venue, please visit:

<http://mcec.com.au/about-mcec/accessibility/>

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 5 May 2016 – Sessions commence at 9am and conclude with Welcome Drinks at 5:15pm – 6.45pm

Friday 6 May 2016 – Sessions commence at 9am and conclude at 4:15pm

Visit <http://autismineducation.org.au/program/> to view the full program. Pre registering for sessions is not required. Simply review the program, make a note of the sessions you wish to see or save them onto your app calendar.

Note: Capacity will be limited in the interactive classroom (these sessions will be held on Thursday and repeated on Friday) and Lightning Talk sessions, so if you wish to attend these, please arrive early. It will be first come, first served.

PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 4 May 2016, Level 1, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

If you have registered for these, the times are as follows:

Time	Pre-Conference Workshop	Room
9:30am – 12:30pm	iPads for Teaching and Learning <i>Presenters: Craig Smith and Heath Wild</i>	103
9:30am – 12:30pm	PBS for Schools <i>Presenters: Tom Tutton and Caitlin Mangan</i>	104

2pm – 5pm	Just Give Him the Whale <i>Presenter: Patrick Schwarz</i>	103
2pm – 5pm	Managing Sensory Needs for Successful Learning <i>Presenter: Caroline Mills</i>	104

Please arrive on time!

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

The Aspect Autism in Education Conference Registration Desk will be located in the foyer on level 1 and will operate during the times listed below:

Thursday 5 May 2016: 8am – 6pm
Friday 6 May 2016: 8am – 4pm

On arrival at the conference, please collect your badge and other materials at the registration desk. Friendly staff will be on hand during the opening hours advised above, to answer your questions and provide information about the conference, venue and surrounds.

SMARTPHONE APP

Download the **Aspect Autism in Education Conference app** to view the conference program, see session information and speaker bios, view sponsor and exhibition information, get the latest program updates and create your own personalised schedule of sessions you want to attend.

Downloading the app is easy!

For iPhone (plus iPad and iPod Touch) and Android phones: visit the **App Store / Google Play** on your device and search for 'Autism16'.



For all other phone types (including Blackberry and all other web browser-enabled phones): while on your smartphone, point your mobile browser to: http://www.core-apps.com/dl/invisage_aaec2016 or scan the QR code.

From there you will be directed to download the correct version of the app for your particular device or on some phones, bookmark this page for future reference.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CONFERENCE?

Aspect Practice Model Classroom Sessions – Taking the Aspect Practice Model Classroom initiative and research, Aspect will be engaging an innovative mode of modelling their best



practice with four interactive classroom sessions to be held on Thursday at 1:45pm and repeated on Friday at 9am. Spaces are limited, so get in early!

ACAE Showcase – Julie Fardell
Structured Teaching – Meghan Williams
iPad Model Classroom – Craig Smith and Heath Wild
Secret Agent Society – Jo Tisdell

Parent/Carer Network Session – The parent/carers network session will be held in room 103 on Thursday at 10:45am (morning tea). This session will provide the opportunity for parents and carers to connect. Please go directly to room 103 in the morning tea break as refreshments will be served there.

Book signings - Purchase books at the conference published by our speakers: Tim and Judy Sharp, Emma Goodall, Jeanette Purkis and Debra Costley. Once you have purchased the books, head over to the Knowledge Café to get them signed by the authors at lunchtime!

Welcome Drinks – The welcome drinks at the end of day one will celebrate the diversity of skills and strengths of people on the spectrum and will be the perfect opportunity to enjoy drinks and canapes in a relaxed and informal setting.

Creative Space – A creative space will be set up at the Aspect Autism in Education Conference showcasing the strengths and interests of people on the autism spectrum. Visit this space to admire a range of pieces created by school aged students on the autism spectrum. This display includes a range of artistic mediums including digital art and will be available throughout the conference.

While you are visiting the Creative Space be sure to add your students/child's special interest, strength, talent to **a different brilliant** wall.

For further information, please visit the website at:
<http://autismineducation.org.au/program/creative-space-program/>

PARENTS, CARERS AND PEOPLE ON THE SPECTRUM

If you would like to identify yourself as a parent, carer or person on the spectrum, you can visit the registration desk to pick up a sticker and place it on your name badge.

Red – parents and carers

Yellow – people on the spectrum

AS Chill Out Room (Room 101) - This area is reserved for people on the spectrum. This area offers the opportunity to 'get away' from the activity of the main conference area and have time and space to relax. It is a quiet area furnished with comfortable lounges and chairs.



POSTERS

Standard Posters – these posters will be on display throughout the conference in the level 1 foyer. Take some time to view these posters during the catering breaks.

Talking Posters – a new initiative for 2016! There will be two talking poster sessions at lunchtime on both days of the conference. Here you will be part of a facilitated tour of selected posters to hear from the presenters. Have your lunch first and then keep an eye out for the facilitators who will be holding up flags to lead you to the talking poster rooms (103 and 104).

KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ

This central hub is located in the foyer on level 1 and is designed for delegates to have access to presenters after their sessions, to ask questions and discuss topics raised during the presentation. In the catering break immediately following each presentation, presenters will be available in the Knowledge Café. This area will be furnished with comfortable chairs in order to create an environment conducive to informal networking.

FEEL LIKE TWEETING AT THE CONFERENCE?

The hashtag is #AIEConf16

If you haven't tweeted before you can ask how to at the Aspect booth or at the Registration Desk.

WIFI ACCESS

Complimentary wifi access will be provided to conference attendees. It is suitable to check web based emails and basic web browsing. Log in details will be provided upon arrival.

EXHIBITORS

Take the time to visit the exhibitors who will showcase their goods and services in the foyer on level 1 on Thursday and Friday.

Visit <http://autismineducation.org.au/sponsorship-and-exhibition/> to view the sponsors and exhibitors who will be at the Aspect Autism in Education Conference 2016.

SPEAKER INFORMATION

All speakers are required to check in at the Speakers' Preparation room at least 2 hours prior to their session, or the day prior. This will ensure the presentation can be opened and loaded onto the conference computer system. Desktop PC's will be available for final adjustments and updated files can be re-submitted at this stage. A dedicated technician will be available if you



require assistance. Please bring your PowerPoint slides on a memory stick even if you have already submitted your PowerPoint to the AV team via email.

The Speakers' Preparation Room will be next to the Registration Desk on level 1.

If you are presenting at the conference, please visit

<http://autismineducation.org.au/program/presenter-information/> for the presenter handbooks.

POSTER PRESENTERS

If you are presenting a poster/s at the conference, please bring your poster with you or if you have arranged for it to be printed with the designated local printer, you can collect them from the Registration Desk upon your arrival. Further information on where to hang your poster will be provided to you at the conference.

If you are presenting a poster at the conference please visit

<http://autismineducation.org.au/program/presenter-information/> for poster presenter guidelines.

Safe travels everyone and see you real soon!