

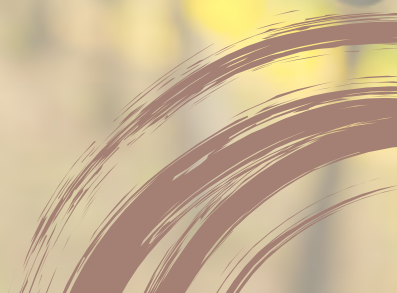
CSA State Conference *2023*

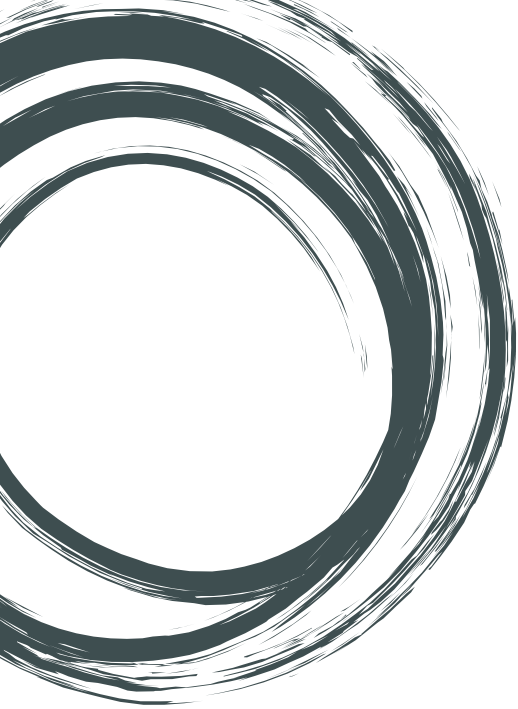


Participant Guide



On Demand
Package





How to use this guide

This guide contains all the information you require to participate with and engage in the 2023 CSA State Conference. Sessions are outlined in detail in the following pages and contain interactive fields to allow notes to be entered directly.

During our 2023 State Conference, our speakers will look at how the Christian story speaks to and resonates within the cultural landscape of 21st Century Australia. How does a school community most effectively embody this story?

SUGGESTED PROGRAM

8:45AM

Arrive & Check-in

9:15AM

Welcome, worship, prayer, devotions

9:40AM

Welcome & Introductory videos

9:30AM

Keynote 1: *Lead Like it Matters*
with Craig Groeschel

11:20AM

Morning Break

11:45AM

Keynote 2: *Living Faith on the Battlefield of Ideas*
with Max Jeganathan

1:15PM

Lunch Break

2:00PM

Keynote 3: *Public Faith for a Parched World*
with Dr. Natasha Moore

3:30PM

Close of Day

Please note this is a suggested program for engaging with the content of the on demand conference and using the online materials all in one day.

Conference content available through your CVENT login until 22 October

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Craig Groeschel

Craig Groeschel is the founding and senior pastor of Life.Church, an innovative multi-site church that began in Oklahoma. Together with his wife Amy, Pastor Craig started Life.Church in a two-car garage in 1996 as a place where people could come just as they are to experience the life-changing love of Jesus. Though the church now meets in physical locations across the U.S. and globally at Life.Church Online, the mission remains the same: to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Under Pastor Craig's leadership, the church has become known for its innovative use of technology to spread the Gospel, launching the first church online experience in 2006 and creating YouVersion, the most downloaded Bible app in history. With a passion for serving the global Church, Life.Church gives away thousands of resources through its Open Network to help pastors and church leaders around the world grow their ministries and reach more people for Christ.

He also leads people to give generously through the church to local and global mission partners so that people all over the world can find relief and restoration. A New York Times bestselling author, Pastor Craig has written more than 15 books on topics like marriage, prayer, purpose, church leadership, and more. His most recent book, *The Power to Change: Mastering the Habits That Matter Most*, was released in February 2023. Pastor Craig and Amy live in Oklahoma and have six children and five grandchildren.



Max Jeganathan

Max Jeganathan is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Public Christianity CPX. A former lawyer and political & policy adviser, Max was educated at the Australian National University and the University of Oxford and is undertaking a PhD in Law. Max speaks on the intersection between faith, culture, economics, finance, technology and moral reasoning. He has spoken in businesses, universities and political institutions, including Samsung, Lego, Goldman Sachs and Amazon. He loves movies, good wine with his wife Fiona and making his kids laugh.



Dr. Natasha Moore

Dr Natasha Moore is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Public Christianity (CPX). She has a PhD in English Literature from the University of Cambridge and is the author of *For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined* (2019), winner of the 2020 Australian Christian Book of the Year, and *The Pleasures of Pessimism* (2020). Her writing has appeared, among other places, in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, ABC News, ABC Religion & Ethics, SBS, *The Spectator Australia*, *Eureka Street*, and *Christianity Today*, on topics that include domestic violence, Scripture in schools, war, Thanksgiving, singleness, freedom of speech, death, and taxes. Natasha recently moved from Sydney to Adelaide where she lives with her husband and a comically large dog.

About this Session

Lead Like it Matters

Our relationship with God affects our leadership and influence. Our faith influences everything we do and has direct impact on others and how we lead. Formation of our faith is foundational to who we are and how we lead in Christian schools.

In this session, we will hear a little bit around Craig's own personal and spiritual formation and development, as well as hearing some of the principles from Craig's recent book, *Lead Like it Matters*. This session will specifically look at your personal formation and how to hold onto it.



Questions for Discussion and Reflection

- » When you reflect on Craig's continuum of having "it" to not having "it", where would you say you are right now?
- » Discuss a time when you felt right in the middle of "it" and what this looked like? Then consider key factors that helped you to reside in this place.
- » How can we grow our school community so that we are all moving towards a strong "it" factor?
- » Discuss how your classroom or school workspace might look or change when all staff are living strongly with "it".

Notes

Key Takeaway

From this session, what is one key takeaway that you will apply in your role?



About this Session

Living Faith on the Battlefield of Ideas

In a world increasingly polarised and uncertain, the marketplace of ideas can seem more like a battlefield. How can personal formation play a role in enabling us to meaningfully engage with the big issues of the day?

In this talk, Max Jeganathan will consider the philosophical, sociological and cultural currents shaping 21st century society. He will then set out the relevance and beauty of the Christian story through the frame of three fundamental issues that are central to our cultural moment: Truth, Suffering and Success.



Questions for Discussion and Reflection

- » Talk with the group about two issues raised by Max that you wish to hold on to.
- » Reflecting on Max's comments, discuss how you might reframe your posture on these issues.
- » Truth, Suffering and Love – discuss how these fundamentals relate to your work role.
- » Which aspects of this conversation can have maximum impact on the students and school community, if applied through your role?

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About this Session

Public Faith for a Parched World

In a time of anxiety, tribalism, and social upheaval, it's easy to be sucked into a narrative of "culture wars". But what if we saw the places where we disagree less as battlefields and more as soil in need of careful tending - parched ground in need of living water - furrows where seed can be sown?

Touching on religious freedom, youth spirituality, and the gospel foundations of so much that characterises contemporary culture, Dr Natasha Moore sketches a path across no man's land that Christian educators might tread with creativity, confidence, and persistence.



Questions for Discussion and Reflection

- » Which social issues do you find most challenging to discuss?
- » In what way has Dr Natasha challenged your thinking or approach to this issues?
- » Which aspects of Dr Natasha's talk can you apply to your life and work role?
- » Discuss if we all applied these principals it would impact the students and wider school community.

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Login to your account to access the Collective



The CSA Collective is a collaborative online community where you can share advice, ideas, resources, and best practices with other members in a secure, efficient and easy to access location.



Engage

Join in discussions with Christian educators from across Australia to offer your expertise and expand your knowledge.



Connect

Find specific colleagues in your field with whom you may seek advice and share common challenges.



Explore

Discover resources to help preserve your school's Christian distinctive and support your administration processes.



Well done to the CSA team for this great new initiative...the CSA Collective interface is clean and easy to navigate; the site is fast and responsive and the member directory is great if you want to reach out to a colleague.

Michael Lowbridge
Business Manager, Green Point Christian College, NSW



The CSA Collective site appears intuitive and will be a great resource. Thank you, CSA for setting this up!

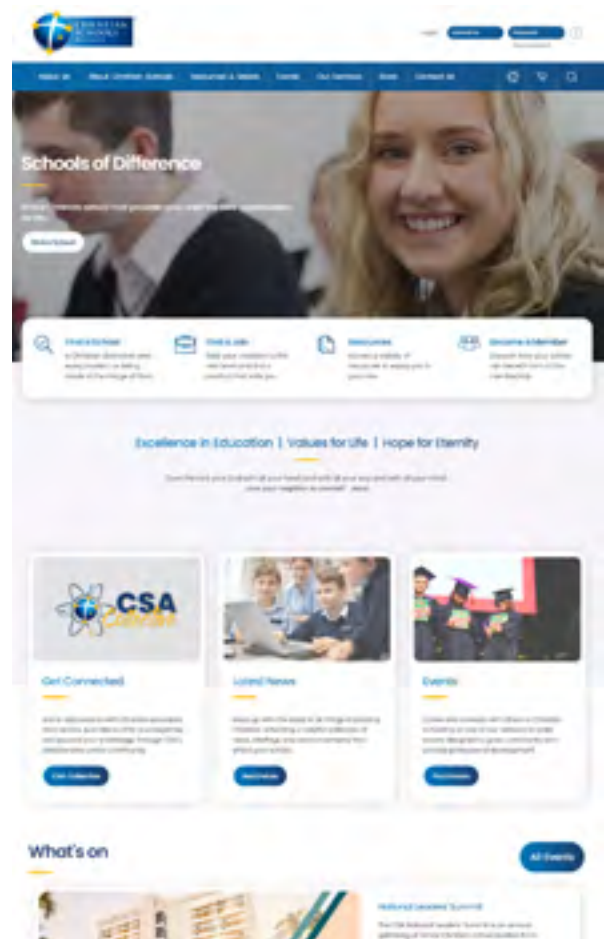
Heather Harrison
PA to the Executive Principal, Heatherton Christian College, VIC





Our vision for the CSA website is to provide an easy to navigate platform that is a hub for all that you need in Christian education in Australia

- ✓ Head online to easily search for resources, events, news and updates
- ✓ Personalise your experience via the Member Dashboard
- ✓ Connect with others in CSA through the CSA Collective.



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"This is VERY exciting. The CSA Collective holds such potential in the building and developing of strong relationships."

Karlene Grinham
Principal, Hinterland Christian College, NSW

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I am pleased to see an initiative that encourages greater connection between CSA schools. I greatly value the times we gather in person and the CSA Collective can certainly assist in the spaces between our gatherings. This site is another reminder that we are all on the same mission, one family in God's Big Story.

Jonathan Carpenter
Head of Middle School, Emmaus Christian College, SA

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