



Legal Studies State Conference 2026

NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre
23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March 2026

Program

Day One 26 March 2026

Time	Session
8.00 - 8.45	Registration & Coffee
8.50	Welcome and Official Opening
9.00 - 10.00	Session 1 Auditorium (400) Dr Vincent Hurley, Lecturer in Criminology, Macquarie University and former Police Officer with NSW Police
10.00 - 11.00	Session 2 Auditorium Hugh de Kresta, Australian Human Rights Commission
11.00 - 11.25	Morning Tea
11.30 - 12.30	Session 3 Auditorium Dr Matt Killingsworth, University of Tasmania, International Law
<i>Choose one option for each of Sessions 4 and 5. These sessions will be workshops.</i>	
12.35 - 1.30	Session 4 Choose One (sessions repeated in Session 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Mah, Katoomba High School – Literacy Supports and Content Hacks • Lauren Goodsell, Embracing Opportunities Through Curriculum Change • Justine Hanks, ROLEC, Incorporating Civics and Citizenship • Kristen Lazarus, Jesuit Refugee Service - Human Rights Case Studies and Resources • Marking Simulation - Long Responses • Answering Multiple Choice and Short Answer Questions
1.35 - 2.20	Lunch
2.25 - 3.25	Session 5 Choose one session repeated from Session 4
3.45 - 5.30	Cocktails, Canapes and Networking
5.30	End Day 1

Day Two 27 March 2026

Time	Session
8.00 - 8.45	Registration & Coffee
8.50	Welcome to Day Two
9.00 - 10.00	Session 7 Wayne Gleeson, Crime Updates
10.00 - 11.00	Session 8 Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean of Law, Western Sydney University - Human Rights Updates
11.00 - 11.25	Morning Tea
11.30 - 12.30	Session 9 Kate Kempthorne, NESA, Overview of the New Legal Studies 2025 Stage 6 Syllabus and Assessment
<i>Choose one option for each of Session 10 and Session 11. These sessions will be workshops.</i>	
12.35 - 1.30	Session 10 Choose One (sessions repeated in Session 11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching the Preliminary Course for the First Time (including embracing change) • Family Law Updates and Strategies • Consumer Law Updates and Strategies • World Order Updates and Strategies • Workplace Law Updates and Strategies • Indigenous Peoples Updates and Strategies • Shelter: Updates and Strategies • Global Environmental Protection Updates and Strategies
1.35 - 2.20	Lunch
2.25 - 3.25	Session 11 Choose one session repeated from Session 10
3.30	End Day 2 End of Conference