



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) His Honour Judge C O'Brien, Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court of NSW - <i>The Criminal Trial Process and Sentencing in NSW</i>
10.00 - 11.00	Session 2 Auditorium Hugh de Kresta, Australian Human Rights Commission – <i>Contemporary Human Rights Issues</i>
11.00 - 11.25	Morning Tea
11.25 - 12.25	Session 3 Auditorium Dr Matt Killingsworth, University of Tasmania, <i>International Law</i>
	<i>Choose one option for each of Sessions 4 and 6. These sessions will be workshops.</i>
12.35 - 1.20	Session 4 Choose One (sessions repeated in Session 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Mah, Katoomba High School – Streamlining content within a Structured Writing Framework • Lauren Goodsell, Embracing Opportunities Through Curriculum Change • Justine Hanks, ROLEC, Technology and the Justice System • Kristen Lazarus, Jesuit Refugee Service - Human Rights Case Studies and Resources • Marking Simulation - Long Responses • Answering Multiple Choice and Short Answer Questions
1.20 - 2.05	Lunch
2.05 - 3.05	Session 5 Auditorium (400) Dr Vincent Hurley, Lecturer in Criminology, Macquarie University and former Police Officer with NSW Police – <i>From Investigation to Sentence: Policing and Prosecuting Domestic Violence</i>
3.05 - 4.00	Session 6 Choose one session repeated from Session 4
4.15 - 5.45	Refreshments, Canapes and Networking (Optional)
	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, NESAs, 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