



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 FrameworkLauren Goodsell, Embracing Opportunities Through Curriculum ChangeJustine Hanks, ROLEC, Technology and the Justice SystemKristen Lazarus, Jesuit Refugee Service - Human Rights Case Studies and ResourcesMarking Simulation - Long ResponsesAnswering 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, 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 StrategiesConsumer Law Updates and StrategiesWorld Order Updates and StrategiesWorkplace Law Updates and StrategiesIndigenous Peoples Updates and StrategiesShelter: Updates and StrategiesGlobal 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