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SEPLA-CON18

23 – 24 JULY 2018
HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTRE,
WARWICK FARM, NSW

Call for Conference Abstracts

Important Dates

Abstract Submissions are due by
Friday, 25th May 2018

Authors will be advised of the outcome of their submission by
Wednesday, 6th June, 2018

Final PowerPoints are due by
Thursday, 12th July, 2018

Conference Dates
Monday, 23rd and Tuesday 24th July, 2018

Convened by:

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On behalf of the Special Education Principals' and Leaders' Association (SEPLA), it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2018 SEPLA Special Education Conference – **SEPLA-CON 18**. The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre, Warwick Farm, New South Wales on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July, 2018.

Our theme for SEPLA-CON 18 is: **"The Greatest Show on Earth"**

We invite you to come and share what works with students with additional learning needs. Cut away your safety net and share with your colleagues what it's like to push the boundaries. We dare you to show others the ways that you are redefining the world of special education! Share with your colleagues your techniques and skills! Share your juggling skills, amaze your colleagues with your lion taming, be the ringmaster of your own three-ring circus!

This is an opportunity to tell your story of being a leader in your classroom. Share your experiences about innovating and extending learning opportunities for your students. Share how equitable access to resources is supporting learning.

The SEPLA Conference Organising Committee has again decided to host the teachers' day on Monday 23rd July – the Term 3 School Development Day. This allows schools to send their mainstream teachers, special education teachers, SLSOs and leaders at minimal cost. Tuesday 24th July will focus on the professional learning of school leaders and administrators at all career levels in special education.

We hope to create a program that will provide fantastic professional learning, the opportunity to collaborate with a host of special educators and the space to enjoy great collegial company. We hope that you choose to submit an abstract that will contribute to a wonderful Conference Program.

NESA ACCREDITATION

The SEPLA Conference Organising Committee is planning to register the Teachers' Day, Monday, 23rd July, with NESA as a 5 hour registered course.

The requirements for registration are as follows:

Teacher Standards descriptors are met.

Two descriptors for Teacher Standard 6 'Engage in Professional Learning' have been identified for the conference:

> 6.2.2 - Participate in learning to update knowledge and practice targeted to professional needs and school/or system priorities
> 6.4.2 – Undertake professional learning programs designed to address identified student learning needs

In order to achieve this goal and obtain accreditation, **all presenters must provide** as part of your abstract submission:

- Sufficient information regarding content of your presentation to state how their presentation will improve knowledge and practice related to school (or system i.e. the department).
- Outlining the activities of participants during the session – what will participants be expected to do? Some examples may include:
  - brainstorming in a small group or with the person next to you
  - written responses to questions posed
  - analysis of a scenario or data etc.

  It means that at some stage, the participants are not only listening but stop to use the information provided to engage in productive thought/discussion to extend their learning.
- The duration of the session

CONFERENCE STREAMS

The SEPLA Conference Organising Committee is seeking submissions relating to the following Conference Strands:

- School Stories
- Neuroscience and Teaching
- Trauma Informed Practice
- Behaviour Support

Strand	**Workshop descriptor**
School Stories	This strand provides an opportunity for teachers to share the great work they do in supporting students with special education needs. This strand is very broad and can include innovative practices, research based practices, evaluation processes, project work.
Neuroscience and Teaching	When educators take neuroscience into account, they organize a curriculum around real experiences and integrated, "whole" ideas. They focus on instruction that promotes complex thinking and the "growth" of the brain. This strand provides the opportunity for presenters to share curriculum development taking neuroscience into account.
Trauma Informed Practice	This strand will examine the Increased recognition of the role of trauma, and the development of strategies and programs to help children feel safe and learn.
Behaviour Support	This strand covers the strategies used in the classroom to increase positive behaviour, decrease problem behaviours and increase the quality of life by teaching new skills and making changes in a student's environment. It may include positive, collaborative partnerships with other professions. Topics of staff and students' mental health and behaviour.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Workshop sessions will be 50 minutes in length. Presenters should aim to make their workshop as interactive and engaging as possible. Please allow time for questions, comments and discussion. Workshop presenters are required to provide a copy of their PowerPoint presentation to the Committee prior to the Conference.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

The following guidelines apply for the submission of all abstracts:

- All abstracts must be submitted via the online Presentation Portal available from the Conference website at www.seplaconference.com.au
- Abstracts should be no more than **400 words in length.**
- Submissions must include a biography of the presenter of up to 200 words. Submissions not including a biography of the presenter **will not be considered.**
- Abstracts must include the following information:

Author(s):	Preferred Given Name, and Surname of all Authors
Presenter:	Name of person/s who will present the presentation at the Conference
Title:	e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Prof for all persons listed above
Position:	Official job title of all presenter/s e.g. **AP Support, Circus School**
Organisation:	The organisation/institution with which the presenter/s are affiliated
Contact Details:	Phone and email details must be provided for the presenter/s
Presentation Title:	This is the title that will be included in the delegate workbook, conference website and promotional material for the Conference.
Stream:	Please indicate the most appropriate stream/s for your presentation as outlined in the dot points in this document.

- **Abstracts for concurrent presentations** should be submitted by no later than **Friday, 25th May, 2018.** Presenters will be advised of the outcome of their submission by no later than **Wednesday, 6th June, 2018.** The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any submissions.

- Please note that the Conference Organisers and/or Committee will communicate only with the 'first author' of a presentation. In the case of co-authored presentations, it will be the responsibility of the 'first author' to pass on to the co-author(s), communications from the editors.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS

Please note: The presenting author/s are required to register and pay to attend the Conference for at least the day on which they are scheduled to present. If there are any presenters who only wish to attend the Conference for their presentation only, please advise GEMS Event Management Australia upon the return of your 'Acceptance to Present' form. Requests for presenters who wish to attend the Conference for their presentation only will be subject to a review by the Conference Committee and advised via email if their request is successful. For all registration enquiries, please contact GEMS Event Management on +61 2 9744 5252 or via email to mkocataskin@gemsevents.com.au.

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