



EREA National Principals' Conference 2017



Looking Back
Looking Forward:
Setting Out For Home

Context

Each year EREA Principals participate in a significant gathering which addresses issues relating to the role of principal, the church in the world, and signs of the times which impact upon education, leadership and justice. In 2017, we meet in our national capital, Canberra, hosted by St Edmund's College and the National Arboretum.

Inspired by the encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* and encouraged by the work of our EREA Board Sustainability Committee, we join with invited delegates from our schools to reflect upon and discern the shape of a network wide response to ecological sustainability. Through the process of Connecting, Nourishing, Naming and Illuminating, we will share our wisdom and determine a practical response.

Most significantly, we gather on June 1 at the National Arboretum, a unique place of regeneration, renewal and healing, to proclaim as a family of Edmund Rice Schools, a National Apology to the Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse in our Schools.

As we explore these connected, confronting, yet inspiring themes, we continue to strengthen our relationships and deepen our solidarity. We are challenged to look back, acknowledge past wrongs against our earth and our fellow humans, and seek a pathway to a future which affirms the dignity of all created life. In doing so, we firmly reject any option or actions which diminish life and undermine our solidarity.

Conference Program

DAY ONE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 - ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE CANBERRA

10.30am - 12.30pm	Registration at Diplomat Hotel
12.30pm	Light lunch at St Edmund's College - partners welcome
1.30pm - 2.15pm	Official Welcome: Daniel Lawler Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer: "Stations of the Forest"
2.15pm - 4.15pm	The Context and Structure of the Gathering The Challenge of <i>Laudato Si'</i> Facilitator: Dr Trish Hindmarsh
4.15pm	Mass in College Chapel – Presider: Fr Tony Percy - partners welcome to mass and function Organised by the St Edmund's Community
5.00pm	Welcome Function (hosted by students of St Edmund's College)
6.45pm	Principals' Informal Dinner Gatherings (own arrangements – various venues) (Bus pickup at 6:45pm from Diplomat Hotel and return 9:30pm) School Delegate Dinner Gathering and Context Briefing (Diplomat Hotel)





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DAY TWO

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1
NATIONAL ARBORETUM (PRINCIPALS, SCHOOL DELEGATES AND GUESTS)**

7.45am Buses leave from Diplomat Hotel to the Arboretum (all participants)

8.30am **EREA NATIONAL RITUAL OF APOLOGY (MARGARET WHITLAM PAVILION)**

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9.15am - 9.45am Transition Reflection (Grounds of the Arboretum)

CONFERENCE

10.00am - 11.00am Stories of Schools Sharing Our Common Home

11.30am - 1.00pm Keynote Speaker: Professor Tim Flannery - Presentation and Q & A

1.00pm - 1.40pm Lunch

1.45pm - 2.45pm Shaping Our Response Part 1 The Vision for the National Arboretum

2.45pm - 3.45pm Shaping Our Response Part 2

3.45pm - 4.45pm Shaping Our Response Part 3

4.50pm Principals depart from Arboretum by bus

5.00pm School Delegates Closing Function in Arboretum Terrace Room

6.00pm School Delegates depart from Arboretum by bus



PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE DINNER

Old Parliament House (Hosted by Daniel Lawler) - Partners Welcome

5.40pm Buses leave to Old Parliament House

6.00pm Tour of King's Hall

6.30pm Drinks and Dinner – Members' Bar and Dining Room
Guest Speaker: Chris Uhlmann (ABC Journalist and presenter of 7.30 Report)

10.30pm Buses depart from Old Parliament House

DAY THREE

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE CANBERRA

8.15am - 9.15am Leaders of Edmund Rice Networks Schools (LERNs) Meeting

9.15am - 10.30am Developing a Draft EREA Principal's Statement on Sustainability Part 1 / Facilitator: Peter Harney

10.30am - 11.00am Morning Tea

11.00am - 12.30pm Developing a Draft EREA Principal's Statement on Sustainability

12.30pm Closing Ritual (Students and staff of St Edmund's Canberra) - Partners Welcome

1.00pm Lunch and Transfers to Airport

