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PRE-SERVICE TEACHER CONFERENCE 2025



Parramatta South Campus

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689 Attendees



30 Exhibitors



42 Workshops



9 Sponsors



15,400

Sponsorship &
Exhibition Income

15,000

Cash Investment
from the School

STUDENT FEEDBACK



I liked the sense of community, the stall holders and the opportunity to network with other Pre-Service Teachers



There was so much energy and a great vibe throughout the event. The keynote speaker was fantastic, the stallholders were friendly, and the Red Bull car was awesome! A great event overall



The stalls and the dedication of the team was evident; everyone was ready to engage with the students. The sessions were also both informative and enjoyable



OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION RATES

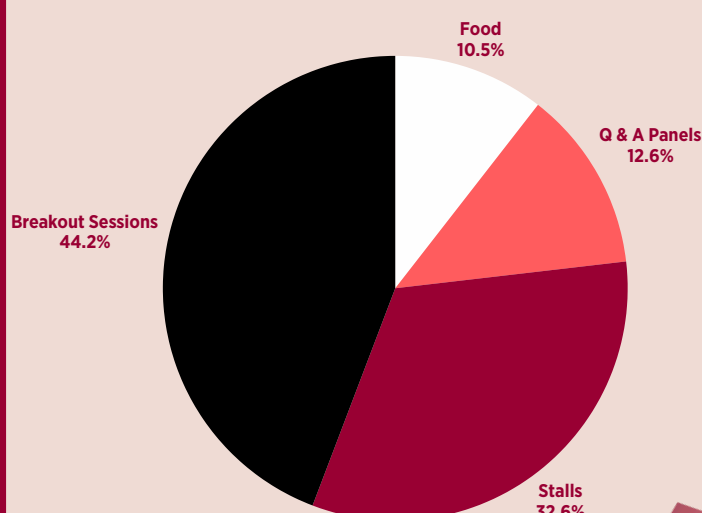


Extremely Satisfied



Satisfied

BEST COMPONENT OF THE CONFERENCE?



TOP RATED SESSIONS OVERALL

- Keynote Speaker: Feras Basal
- Caring for Country – Cindy Laws, Sydney Zoo
- Schools full of cyborgs: AI has arrived in education – Matt Esterman, The Next Word
- NESA – The Accreditation Journey & NSW Department of Education - Deb Summerhayes





**MOST
POPULAR**

SECONDARY STUDENTS – MOST POPULAR WORKSHOPS

- Session 1 -Inclusive Education in Secondary – Brittany Pearce (Jamison HS)
- Session 2- Schools full of cyborgs: AI has arrived in education – Matt Esterman (The Next Word)
- Session 3 - Positive psychology to avoid burn out – Kath Lathouras (Emmaus CC)

PRIMARY STUDENTS MOST POPULAR WORKSHOPS

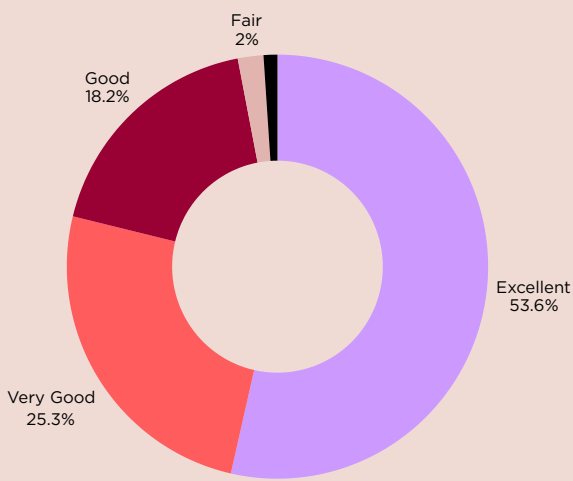
- Session 1- Understanding EAL/D Education – Kerrie Quee (WSU)
- Session 2- The power of collaboration – Katinka Kastner (NSWTF)
- Session 3- Caring for Country - Cindy Laws (Sydney Zoo)

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS – MOST POPULAR WORKSHOPS

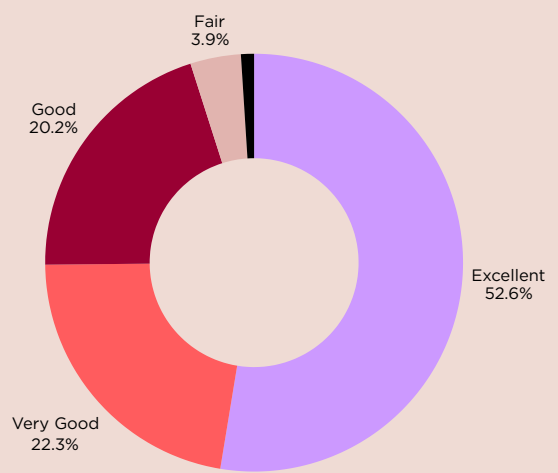
- Session 1- Language for Belonging – Sarah Herbet & Victoria Kirkwood (IGS)
- Session 2-Unleashing exploration with early STEM experiences – Ana-Luisa Franco, (Little Scientists)
- Session 3- Caring for Country – Cindy Laws (Sydney Zoo)

PST FEEDBACK - HOW DID YOUR RATE...?

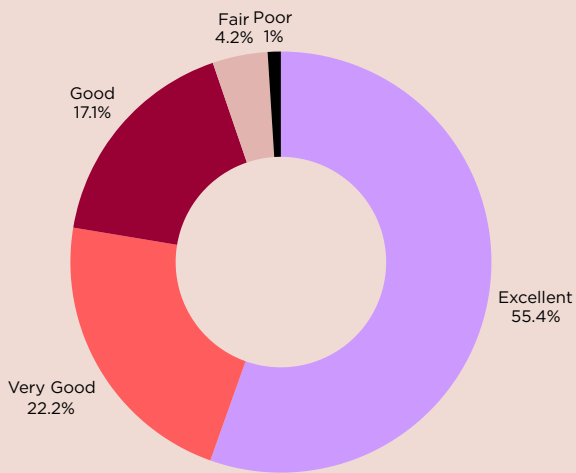
The quality of the speakers?



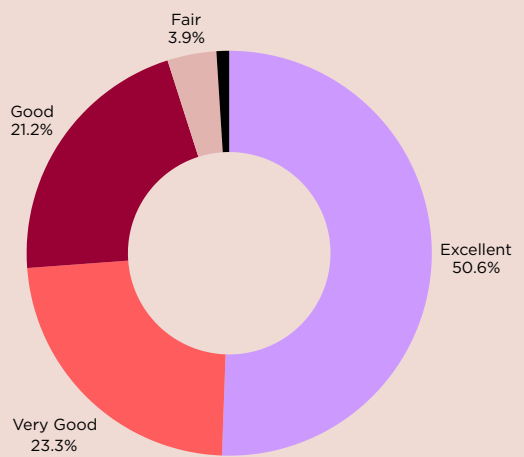
Panel 1: What makes a great Teacher? (Morning Session)



Keynote Address: Feras Basal

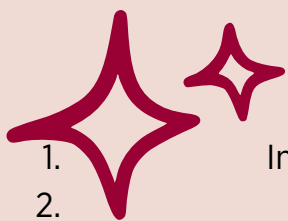


Panel 2: Graduate Teacher Panel (Afternoon Session)



FURTHER DATA OF INTEREST:

- 79 % of attendees rated the speakers Very Good or Excellent
- 89% of students felt that the conference was relevant to their needs
- 78% rated organisation of conference as excellent



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Interactive, hands-on workshops (e.g., Sydney Zoo session).
2. Practical teaching strategies and classroom techniques.
3. Valuable job readiness and accreditation sessions.
4. Engaging opportunities with stallholders.
5. Tailored content for primary and secondary education.
6. Welcoming event vibe with therapy dogs and live music.
7. Smooth setup and strong support for presenters and stallholders.



CONSIDERATIONS LOOKING FORWARD

- Allow more time for workshops; reduce auditorium time.
- Improve presenter support: earlier room access, IT setup, and information sharing.
- Enhance student navigation and pre-event communication (maps, parking, room numbers).
- Provide more time and better layout for student engagement with stallholders.
- Improve attendance tracking (e.g., ID check at student check-in, manage QR-code scanning).
- Consider running the event during term time or mid-semester break.
- Create on-site display screens showing event schedule and room locations.



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Thank you for the opportunity to help shape the knowledge of future teachers. It was a delight to be part of this professionally run day for pre-service teachers. Thank you for connecting with service providers in this way. It's a joy for us to share our knowledge and deepens our own practice and reflection. We look forward to future collaborations with WSU.

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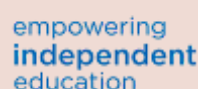
Young Academics



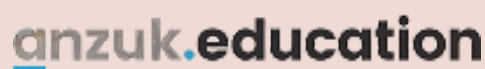
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