



GRIP LEADERSHIP

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Dear Staff Member,

Thank you for registering the student leaders of your school to attend the SECONDARY GRIP Student Leadership Conference in **Townsville on the 11th of February 2026**.

VENUE AND PARKING – NEW VENUE FOR 2026

The conference is at **James Cook University, 1 James Cook Dr, Douglas**. Head to building 45 room 002. Some signage will refer to this location as the 'Medical Lecture Theatre'. (Navigating a uni campus can be confusing- we hope you can get your students to view this as a fun challenge!)

MAP: Full map is at www.gripleadership.com.au/secondary-maps

CAR PARKING: Numerous free car parks are marked on the map. PW2 is the closest to building 45.

BUS DROP OFF: The road outside building 45 isn't suitable for buses to stop. Please use the bus location marked on the map.

BUS PARKING: Referring to the map, bus drivers should head to PE11, there are parking bays on the side of the road they can park in that will be most suitable.

START AND FINISH TIMES

Please arrive with your students between 8:45am and 9:10am. You will not receive paper tickets for this event, your group numbers will be cross-checked at the entrance door. The first session will begin at 9:15am. The final session will conclude at 2:15pm. The full program is available on our website.

SEATING AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Seating is by general admission. Please advise in advance if you are bringing participants with special seating needs (please also see www.gripleadership.com.au/inclusion).

STUDENTS SENSITIVE TO NOISE

Schools love the upbeat nature of our conference. Part of creating this atmosphere includes some activities that will be loud. We have strategies to care for attendees who might find this challenging. Please read about these in advance by clicking on the inclusion link in the paragraph above.

CATERING IS NOT PROVIDED

Students and adults are required to bring their own packed morning tea, lunch, and a drink. Sometimes there are nearby locations where food and drinks are sold, but the conference breaks are not long enough for everybody to venture to these. We also have no control over whether these outlets will be open on the day, and what their arrangements will be.

WHAT TO BRING

- ☐ A **PEN** (a notebook will be provided)
- ☐ **Food** as indicated above

BADGES & RESOURCES

Our popular leadership badges are available on the day in many designs for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Each year we also release a new range of classroom resources to extend the conference experience. Schools who attend the conference also have the opportunity to purchase the entire collection of 7 new resources for \$125, instead of \$300 if items were purchased separately.

DRESS

The standard of dress for students at this conference is entirely a decision of the school. However, we normally find that the great majority of students attend in normal school uniform.



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PRIVACY

GRIP Leadership may take images and recordings at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference that may be used for advertising purposes. For full details of our Privacy Policy please visit www.gripleadership.com.au/privacy-policy.

SAFETY

To download safety information and a risk assessment visit www.gripleadership.com.au/our-safety.

MAKING CHANGES TO YOUR NUMBERS

This is easy. To **increase your numbers**, go online and make a separate registration for the additional places required. Our system will automatically match it up with your original group and we will know that you are attending together. To **reduce your numbers**, we need notification in writing sent to registrations@gripleadership.com.au outlining the change required. There is no penalty if you reduce or cancel tickets more than 14 days prior to the event. Refunds are not possible if the change is made within 14 days of the event.

PAYMENTS AND INVOICES

Our payment policy is detailed on the invoice you received. You can request a duplicate copy by emailing registrations@gripleadership.com.au.

We look forward to meeting you and your students for what promises to be a fantastic day. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further enquiries.

Warm Regards,

Nade Scherman
Director of Fun