



# GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

*“This conference was the ultimate experience for our leaders. Every year should start with GRIP Leadership! You will be amazed at the vibe and the excitement created by the presenters. The engagement in the activities from the school leaders was outstanding. A fabulous start to the school year.”*

*Julianne Impiccini, Tannum Sands State High School QLD (February 2025)*

## ALL NEW SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THIS YEAR:

Now held annually in over 30 towns and cities across every state and territory. This brochure has details of conferences for SECONDARY students. For separate information about PRIMARY student conferences in over 50 towns and cities visit [www.gripleadership.com.au](http://www.gripleadership.com.au)

## WHY THIS IS UNIQUE:

- **PRACTICAL** and **HANDS ON** activities that students love
- Sessions allow students to **INTERACT** with leaders from other schools
- **ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS** cover all of the essential leadership topics
- **GROUP WORK** allows for students to take steps whilst at the conference
- Dozens of **FRESH IDEAS** working wonders in other schools
- As well as loads of information it is definitely **FUN** and **ENTERTAINING**

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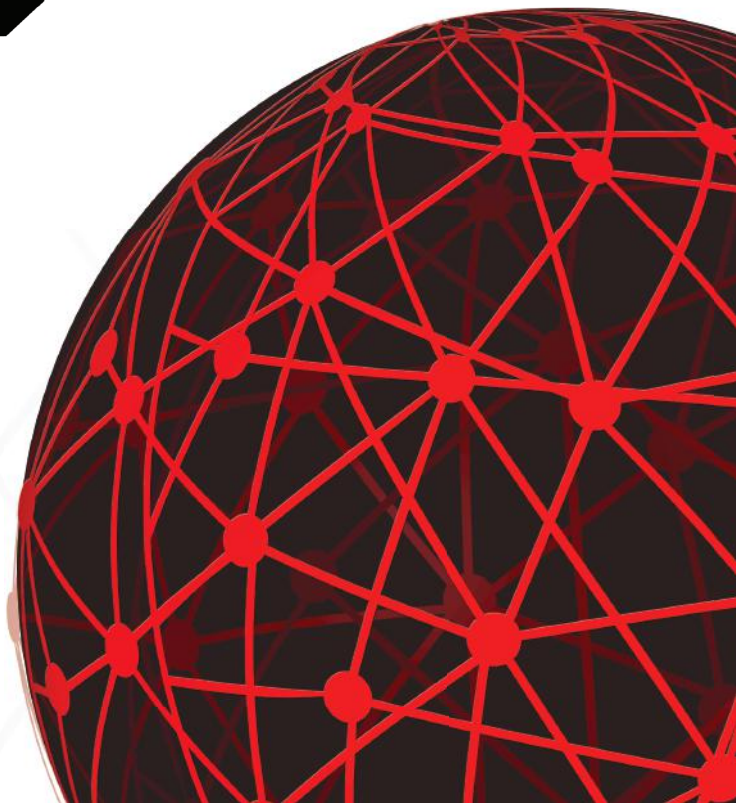
EVENT FOR TRAINING  
STUDENT LEADERS

## ALL NEW SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THIS YEAR:

- The Challenges at Our School
- The Challenges of a Student Leader
- What Makes a School Event Successful?
- Improving My Public Speaking
- Creating a Culture of Positive Friendships
- Getting a New Idea Off the Ground
- Tips for Leading Houses
- Q&A with GRIP Leadership Team

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## THE OUTCOMES WE WILL COVER IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM:

- How most people choose what is **EASIEST**, but leaders must choose what is **NECESSARY**.
- We will look at a list of **50 COMMON CHALLENGES** for many schools and **4 WAYS** for student leaders to respond to the **PRIORITY** challenges in their own school.
- Identifying areas that already have **MOMENTUM** in your school and progressing these **FURTHER**.
- How to **PERSIST** with a constant challenge in your school, even if it's been **TRIED BEFORE**.
- The **3 MAIN CHALLENGES** that **STUDENT LEADERS** need to overcome **PERSONALLY**.
- How to use the **EXPECTATIONS TRIANGLE** to manage the expectations that can come from **SELF, PEERS** and the **SCHOOL**.
- Why **INTEGRITY** is critical for **EVERY** student leader.
- 10 ways to get out of your **COMFORT ZONE** and grow as a leader.
- How to increase your **CAPACITY** before increasing your **LOAD**, and 11 practical **STRATEGIES** for doing this.
- Understanding the **3 FACTORS** that make a **SCHOOL EVENT** successful.
- The **10 WAYS** for students to be **DRAWN** to events rather than **FORCED** to events.
- How to enjoy the **PLANNING** of a school event, not just the event day itself.
- The **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIPS** that are **NOT** the same old tips that everybody has heard before.
- Techniques for **PREPARING A SPEECH**, which are much deeper than just 'writing it out.'
- 10 tips for **PRACTICING A SPEECH**.
- The tools for **ENGAGING** an audience that **ANY STUDENT** can master when speaking to their peers.
- **3 WAYS** to create a **CULTURE OF FRIENDSHIP** at your school.
- How to make the most of the **HOUSES** or teams at your school, including **NEW WAYS** that many schools have never tried before.
- The **MAIN CHALLENGES** that student leaders will face when getting a **NEW IDEA OFF THE GROUND**, and how to **OVERCOME** them.
- How to write a **WRITTEN PROPOSAL** and work in partnership with what **TEACHERS** and executive desire for your school.
- The key principles for getting the **STUDENT BODY** to follow the lead of the **STUDENT LADERS**.
- The 3 most helpful tips for **HOUSE LEADERS** so that students can take their focus off **WINNING** and experience the benefits of **BELONGING**.
- Literally dozens of success stories from other schools for **EVENTS, PROJECTS** and **FUNDRAISERS**.

## WHO FACILITATES THE GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE?:

This conference does not feature guest speakers, but is presented by a team of specialists in the area of student leadership. The GRIP Leadership team is comprised of young men and women who know what it's like to be in the shoes of a student leader. Some team members are recent school graduates with the ability to share from their own recent experience. Other team members are in their twenties and thirties and have worked across thousands of schools to develop a career exploring what works, what's current and what's possible in the area of student leadership.

The youthful and professional nature of the GRIP Leadership team is such that teachers consistently compliment about their ability to engage the students whilst presenting a wealth of meaningful leadership concepts. (More information on GRIP Leadership is available at [www.gripleadership.com.au](http://www.gripleadership.com.au))



## SECONDARY PROGRAM - THEME: I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

All plenary sessions and electives include presentations, activities, discussions, and leadership games.

Sessions are updated every year so that students can attend numerous years if desired.

### **\*\*ALL BRAND NEW SESSIONS\*\***

**8:45am Doors Open**

**9:15am SESSION 1**

#### **The Challenges at Our School**

Most people choose what is easiest, but leaders should choose what is necessary. This practical session looks at fifty common challenges within schools, and helps students identify the most necessary challenges to address at their own school. A four-part structure will be used to select the challenges that fit best into an action plan for the coming year. Lots of perspectives will be shared through video examples and conversations with other schools.

**10.45am Break 1**

#### **Morning Tea Optional Session: Tips for Leading Houses**

There are specific challenges that come with leading houses and large groups of peers. This short session will give practical tips for creating an experience that is positive for the entire house as well as the student leaders. (This will only go for the first 10-15 minutes of the break so that you can still get some fresh air afterwards.)

**11:10am SESSION 2**

#### **The Challenges of a Student Leader**

It's great to be motivated as a leader, but it's helpful to be prepared for the common challenges that leaders encounter. We will explore practical strategies to navigate these challenges, with a special focus on how to maintain integrity throughout. This topic will address three personal challenges: meeting expectations, getting out of my comfort zone, and increasing capacity.

#### **ELECTIVES #1 (choose 1)**

##### **Option 1: What Makes a School Event Successful?**

Every student leadership team wants their events to be successful. We've identified three key things that make an event successful, and knowing these now will help leaders make better decisions during the planning of any event.

##### **Option 2: Improving My Public Speaking**

This workshop suits those who love public speaking, as well as anybody freaked out by it! Most people have heard the basic public speaking tips before, so this workshop takes a deeper look at the preparation and presentation strategies that make the biggest difference.

**12:30pm Break 2**

**1:00pm SESSION 3**

#### **ELECTIVES #2 (choose 1)**

##### **Option 3: Creating a Culture of Positive Friendships**

This workshop helps student leaders create a school culture where everybody experiences friendship. Using activities, discussions and examples, we will unpack strategies to make a school more inclusive, supportive and enjoyable.

##### **Option 4: Getting a New Idea Off the Ground**

Leaders often find it challenging to get a new idea off the ground and heading towards the impact that was hoped for. This practical workshop explores practical strategies for gaining teacher support, getting students on board, and building momentum.

**1:45pm Q&A With GRIP Leadership Team and Final Review**

**2:15pm Finish** (you can be assured of a prompt 2.15pm finish. We appreciate that departing efficiently for your return journey is important).

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## DATES AND LOCATIONS:

### New South Wales

Sydney OPTION 1	7th Nov 2025	Castle Hill RSL
Sydney OPTION 2	11th Mar 2026	Norths Cammeray
Lismore	28th Oct 2025	Southern Cross University
Coffs Harbour	29th Oct 2025	Southern Cross University
Dubbo	4th Nov 2025	Dubbo RSL Memorial Club
Tamworth	5th Nov 2025	Tamworth War Memorial Town Hall
Newcastle	6th Nov 2025	Newcastle City Hall
Albury / Wodonga	11th Nov 2025	Albury Entertainment Centre
Wollongong	12th Nov 2025	University of Wollongong

### Queensland

Brisbane	26th Feb 2026	Sleeman Sports Complex
Gold Coast	30th Oct 2025	Griffith University
Rockhampton	2nd Feb 2026	CQ University
Mackay	4th Feb 2026	Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre
Townsville	11th Feb 2026	James Cook University
Cairns	13th Feb 2026	Pullman Reef Hotel Casino
Sunshine Coast	24th Feb 2026	Venue 114
Toowoomba	25th Feb 2026	Highfields Cultural Centre

### Victoria

Melbourne	25th Mar 2026	Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
Ballarat	10th Nov 2025	Federation University
Wodonga/Albury	11th Nov 2025	Albury Entertainment Centre

### South Australia

Adelaide	1st April 2026	Adelaide Entertainment Centre
Mount Gambier	5th May 2026	Adelaide University - Mt Gambier
Whyalla	7th May 2026	Adelaide University - Whyalla Campus

### Tasmania

Hobart	8th April 2026	MyState Arena
Launceston	10th April 2026	Tailrace Centre

### Western Australia

Perth	19th Feb 2026	Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
Albany	17th Feb 2026	Albany Entertainment Centre
Bunbury	17th Feb 2026	Hotel Lord Forrest

### Australian Capital Territory

Canberra	13th Nov 2025	Hellenic Club (City Venue)
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### Northern Territory

Darwin	22nd April 2026	Charles Darwin University
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## THE INVESTMENT IN YOUR LEADERS

\$51 (plus GST) per student

\$30 (plus GST) per accompanying staff member or adult

## HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [www.gripleadership.com.au](http://www.gripleadership.com.au) and complete the simple online booking form. No payment is required at the time of booking, as an invoice will automatically be emailed to you so you can arrange payment.

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## WHAT TEACHERS SAID LAST YEAR

### **Definitely the best leadership conference...**

“The conference was extremely engaging and relevant for our students despite being from a regional area. The atmosphere was energetic, humorous and inclusive, it was definitely the best leadership conference that we have attended, in fact it is one of the best conferences our staff have attended. We would highly the GRIP conference to all schools.”

*Kelly Williams, Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Karratha Senior High School WA*

### **Practical and achievable...**

“The conference is well organised and energetic, getting students engaged and involved right from the start. The leadership ideas are practical and achievable. Worth taking your leadership team to this event!”

*Geoffrey Xeros, Wagga Wagga Christian College NSW*

### **Got a lot out of it...**

“Your GRIP Leadership conference was very well run. Our students got a lot out of the experience and will take what they have learned and put it into real world situations. I also think they enjoyed seeing other schools, their struggles and solutions that they had found for their problems. Keep up the great work inspiring young people to take the lead and do good things in their communities.”

*Shane Taylor, St Patrick's College QLD*

### **Engaged and motivated...**

“I wanted to extend my sincere thanks for an engaging and impactful conference that truly resonated with our students. They thoroughly enjoyed the interactive activities and hands-on icebreakers, which not only made the day fun but also reinforced key leadership skills in a meaningful way. The sessions were well-structured, practical, and filled with valuable insights that our students can now take back and apply within our school community. It was inspiring to see them so engaged and motivated, and I appreciate the effort your team puts into making leadership development both accessible and enjoyable. We look forward to attending again in the future.”

*Madeline Lorrimar, Busselton Senior High School WA*

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