DAY 1

8.30 – 8.50
Delegate registration

8.50 – 9.10
Welcome to country
Aunty Norma Ingram
Symposium opening
Dr. Simon Breakspear

9.10 – 9.40
High expectations must be the standard for all schools
Keynote address: The Hon. Adrian Piccoli, NSW Minister for Education

9.40 – 10.40
NSW in the international context
Keynote address: Professor Pasi Sahlberg
The importance of equity in education and its relationship with reform in NSW. What does high performance look like in the world’s best education systems? How and why NSW represents a world class international education system.

10.40 – 11.10
School showcase and morning tea
Selected NSW schools highlight successful teaching and learning practices through informal presentations to symposium delegates.

11.10 – 12.30
A valuable education for our future
Moderator: Professor Denise Bradley AC
Panel: Professor Roy Green, Lynette Clunies-Ross, Kevin Bloch, Adam Kay
Explore the global influences that will shape the future of work, civic engagement and our communities for current and future students.

12.30 – 13.30
Lunch

13.30 – 14.30
Education success in Shanghai
In discussion: Dr. Xiaoyan Liang and Mark Scott AO
Identify and explore how one of the world’s top-performing education systems achieved its success.

14.30 – 15.00
Student engagement multimedia installation and afternoon tea
Videos illuminate the student perspective on symposium themes.

15.00 – 16.00
Pioneering schools around the world
Keynote address: Dr. Charles Leadbeater
Innovative education practices have a significant impact at the classroom level. How do schools inspire emotional investment and teachers design learning as a collaborative, problem-solving activity?

16.00 – 16.15
Day one closing remarks
Dr. Simon Breakspear

16.30 – 18.30
Networking Reception
Drinks and canapés
8.45 – 9.15

Welcome and reflection – practitioners’ perspectives
Dr. Simon Breakspear interviews principals of showcase schools, discussing the symposium themes and insights, and how this reflects on their success – and what would they do differently.
Panel: Victoria Rennie and Belinda Kelly

9.15 – 9.45

Getting it done – delivering education reform
Keynote address: Mark Scott, Secretary, NSW Department of Education

9.45 – 10.30

Making a difference in the classroom
Presenter: Professor Geoff Masters
Respondent: Tom Alegounarias
How education policies and reforms can be leveraged at the classroom level – the importance of high quality teaching, leadership and school improvement practices across all schools.

10.30 – 11.00

Morning tea
The school showcase in action again, with student voice videos.

11.00 – 12.45

From great to excellent: making it happen
Facilitator: Martin Stewart-Weeks
Brief presentations followed by discussion
Professional learning: Professor Jenny Gore and John Weeks
Teaching and learning: Professor David Hopkins and Dianne Donatiello
Technology: Chris Robertson and Andrew Cornwall

12.45 – 13.45

Lunch

13.45 – 15.15

School leadership workshop
Facilitator: Anthony Mackay
Expert consultant: Dr. Simon Breakspear
Delegates collaborate in small groups, using their expertise to identify what works at a classroom and school level and explore actions delegates can take to effect change. The discussion will be captured in a post-symposium report.

15.15 – 15.30

Conference themes and outcomes
Presenters: The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, NSW Minister for Education and Dr. Simon Breakspear
This session will reflect on symposium insights and national and international perspectives of potential value to NSW.