



# 2021 SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

*Igniting souls, inspiring change*



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
23-25 MAY 2021

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# 2021 ESSENTIALS

The Sustainable Schools Network Limited invite you to participate in the 2021 Sustainability Symposium. This invitation is extended to your whole school community as we aim to engage you collectively in taking action to create a sustainable future for generations to come.

## EVENT GOALS:



**SUSTAINABILITY**  
Develop a common language



**YOUTH**  
Empower youth leadership



**SDG FOCUS**  
#3, #14 & #17



**CONNECT**  
Build partnerships



## This event addresses the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



### GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SDG 3 was chosen for the 2021 Sustainability Symposium to expand conceptual understandings of sustainability. After the challenges of 2020, this SDG is so important to ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.



### LIFE BELOW WATER

Surrounded by oceans, Australia has a responsibility to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources. As the event is held on the Gold Coast this SDG will engage schools to educate for sustainability through activities and experiences related to life below water.



### PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Building partnerships is the foundation of the SSN vision. Supported by the 17th SDG, we are working with schools and organisations towards a sustainable future for our children. In 2021, the SSN will bring more schools and organisations together in the name of Education for Sustainability (Efs).

# EVENT FORMAT

The 2021 Sustainability Symposium will be a hybrid event over three days from 23-25 May 2021. In 2021, the SSN intend for the week of the Symposium to be the national week of Education for Sustainability.



## DAY 1

Teacher continuing professional development



## DAY 2

Teacher continuing professional development



## DAY 3 - MAIN EVENT

Student program, school leader program, caretaker program and parent program. Day ends with a professional development dinner.



## HOST SCHOOL



### All Saints Anglican School

The 2020 host school is All Saints Anglican School in Merrimac, Gold Coast. Educating 1850 students from Pre-Prep to Year 12, the school motto is: Truth, Faith and Compassion.

# EVENT FORMAT

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: DAYS 1 & 2

As a cross-curriculum priority in the Australian Curriculum, sustainability is supposed to be embedded in all school subjects. This professional development opportunity for curriculum developers, teachers, teachers aides and pre-service teachers will build upon past Sustainability Symposium opportunities and deliver tangible experiences to improve capabilities to embed EfS in classrooms.

Day 1: Site visits, introductory training, networking dinner

Day 2: The SSN's Higher Education Advisory Group (academics from across Australia) will deliver high quality training in EfS.

## STUDENT SESSIONS

A keynote plenary will start the day for students featuring high profile speakers to engage and inspire students to be active, responsible citizens. Workshops will follow delivering experiential learning. The day will end with a call to action.

## PARENT SESSIONS

Parents are an important population within a school environment, both reinforcing lessons from school and also potential human resources for the busy educational context. Parents will have an opportunity to learn from numerous presenters throughout the day (shorter day to allow for pick up and drop off).

## CARETAKER SESSIONS

Presentations throughout the day aim to engage Caretakers in EfS. Delivering hands on learning experiences and networking opportunities these sessions will offer professional development to an often undervalued population within the school environment.



# EVENT FORMAT

## SCHOOL LEADER SESSIONS

Connecting school communities with sustainable resource management exemplars and a network of peers is an important aspect of the 2021 Sustainability Symposium. Business managers and principals are invited to keynote presentations, an interactive workshop and a panel discussion involving leading colleagues. This exciting program will be delivered on the 3rd day of the event to ensure a wholistic approach to EfS is possible.

## CONNECT-ED

Many businesses have indicated this event is an excellent opportunity to showcase their building management resources, curriculum tools and/or sustainably sourced products. Connecting school communities with community resources is an important aspect of the 2021 Sustainability Symposium. Event delegates will be invited to visit the displays of local businesses and community organisations. Further an 'Imagine Zone' will provide a space to creatively collaborate on envisioning a sustainable future.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DINNER

Providing opportunities for networking and professional development, the 2021 Sustainability Symposium dinner will be held at ASAS on the 25th of May 2021.

Mudjira Village Eatery will again deliver a sustainably-sourced meal that is delicious and a statement of what's possible when delivering a sustainable event.

The panel discussion regarding *reimagining education* will feature as the key entertainment for the evening, along with the sweet sounds of the ASAS orchestra.

**INSPIRING SOULS, IGNITING CHANGE**

# OPPORTUNITY

Our vision is **reimagine education** by educating and connecting school communities to imagine a sustainable future. We invite you to help us achieve this vision by being a facilitator at the 2021 Sustainability Symposium.

We are looking for 4 schools to deliver a 60 minute Kids Teaching Kids Workshop on the 25th of May 2021. We are seeking:

## 2 JUNIOR AND 2 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Your workshop focus will be either:



It is important to note this is an opportunity for students to develop their understanding and have an opportunity for leadership as facilitators at the event. You will be provided with more information about the Kids Teaching Kids model and it is a requirement that your school agrees to delivering a workshop by young people for young people!

It is also important to note that the workshop element of the 2021 Sustainability Symposium is for active, experiential learning. Therefore, when expressing your interest it is important to identify what activities will be involved rather than just your ideas about your chosen topic. We will be selecting schools with a clear plan to deliver an authentic, hands on experience for participants.

The SSN are looking forward to receiving your expression of interest today!



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Please complete this form and return to [info@ssn.org.au](mailto:info@ssn.org.au)

If your school would like to become a 2021 Sustainability Symposium workshop facilitator please complete, print or scan the below form and send to either your SSN point of contact or [info@ssn.org.au](mailto:info@ssn.org.au)

Please note: You will be notified no later than the end of February if you are successful. Selection is not based on a first in, best dressed model. Selection will be the result of meeting the selection criteria and presenting an engaging, creative proposal. Please note you will not be paid for your participation however your school will be offered free tickets to the event in lieu of payment. Upon selection you will be required to sign a speaker contract and provide your school logo.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
School/organisation name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: \_\_\_\_\_

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Please tick to indicate options relevant to your school and workshop

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior School   | <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG #3  | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG #14          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My school agrees to deliver an experience-based workshop rather than an information presentation  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My school agrees to utilise the Kids Teaching Kids model  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My school would like to accept up to 5 free tickets to the third day of the event. This will be for a maximum of 4 presenting students and 1 adult supervisor (school staff or parent). |   |





# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



## Tell us about your idea

Focus here on your topic and how it relates to your chosen Sustainable Development Goal.

## Tell us about the activities you will use to engage participants.

Focus here on tasks, activities, and/or experiences that will be involved in your workshop.



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



## Give us some background

Share some information here about how your school is educating for sustainability.

## PLEASE SIGN AND DATE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing the above you agree for your school to be considered as a workshop facilitator at the 2021 Sustainability Symposium. Please return via email to [info@ssn.org.au](mailto:info@ssn.org.au)

While waiting for an outcome please follow us on socials for more event information.

