



# TRAUMA AWARE SCHOOLING

*Building knowledge skill and practice*

**Dear Colleagues!**

You are warmly invited to attend the inaugural [Trauma Aware Schooling Conference](#) held in beautiful **Brisbane**, to discuss, learn about and respond to the issues of **COMPLEX CHILDHOOD TRAUMA** and the need for **TRAUMA AWARE PRACTICE in SCHOOLS**. A school student's experience of complex trauma (e.g. physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse, serious neglect, violence, etc.) can have a serious impact on school behaviours, attendance, engagement and (therefore) educational and life outcomes. Worrying behaviours can also have a significant impact on the well-being, efficacy, and retention of teachers and other educators. To address this, government departments and many non-government agencies are increasingly encompassing what is now referred to as trauma-informed practice when supporting or working with children and adolescents. To minimise concerns at school that can lead to student disengagement or disciplinary exclusion, there is a growing call for a collaborative, cross-agency, trauma-informed approach to service provision - which includes the schooling system.

There is an increasing interest in Queensland, across Australia - and internationally - for this to occur. Join us to hear and experience current and important research and practice regarding trauma aware schooling and to contribute to this growing awareness and enthusiasm!

**AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR STATE, REGIONAL AND SCHOOL LEADERS, STUDENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL, TEACHERS AND OTHER EDUCATORS AND ANYONE KEEN TO PROGRESS TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS!**

We have some very exciting international and Australian keynote speakers and many concurrent sessions (both research and practical workshops for schools).

To keep costs low for schools, the conference will be held on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** (the 16<sup>th</sup> is a student free day in Qld).

**VENUE: BRISBANE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE**  
Grey Street, South Brisbane, 4101

**We recommend you REGISTER SOON as SEATS ARE LIMITED!!!**  
**EARLY BIRD CLOSES 3rd September 2017.**

Please distribute this information to your school colleagues and interested contacts.

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