



TIPIAC X RILEY CALLIE RESOURCES NATIONAL FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2026

FRIDAY, 14
AUGUST 2026

PROGRAM

PLAZA TERRACE

BRISBANE CONVENTION
AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration & Arrival
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Opening & Cultural Protocol (Plenary) Shelley Ware - MC Bronwyn Cochrane - TIPIAC Pty Ltd Deborah Hoger - Riley Callie Resources Pty Ltd
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Morning Keynote (Plenary) Maxwell Lenoy - ACARA <i>The ACARA FIRST Framework: A method to safely build respectful and reciprocal relationships between First Nations Elders, knowledge holders and teachers.</i>

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10:05 – 10:50 AM <i>Breakout Session Block 1</i>	Lesley Woodhouse & Brielle Nielsen <i>Walking Together: A Shared Commitment to Aboriginal Education</i>	Rebecca Bridge <i>The Montessori Approach to Building Culturally Safe Practices for Children Under 3</i>	Michael Passi <i>Mer to the Mainland - The Missing Piece of the Cultural Capability Puzzle, the Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Culture</i>	Larissa Taylor <i>Truth-Telling Is Not an Add-On: Embedding First Nations Knowledges with Integrity</i>
11:10 – 11:40 AM	Morning Tea Break			
11:50 – 12:30 PM <i>Breakout Session Block 2</i>	Gemma Pol & Jordyn Green <i>Story as Pedagogy – Theme-Based Learning Through First Nations Storytelling</i>	Stephen Rutter <i>From Respect to Relationship: Embedding First Nations Perspectives Through Practice</i>	Tanya Saltner <i>The Murri School Way</i>	Rachel Dunn <i>Speaking Safe: Transforming School Practice Through Cultural Safety and Truth-Telling</i>



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12:40 – 1:20 PM Breakout Session Block 3	Bronwyn Cochrane <i>The 8 Ways Roadmap: An Educators Guide to Cultural Inclusivity</i>	Karen Tighe <i>Wii Gaay - Clever Child Program</i>	Rhiannon Moreton <i>Jagunjen (From Country), Not Policy: A Quandamooka Elders' and Women's Standpoint on Learning and the Possessive Logic of Queensland Education</i>	Jessica Staines <i>"All In" – Moving Beyond Intentions to Action Through RAP Roadmaps in Early Childhood Education</i>
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Lunch Break Book Signing with Dr Anita Heiss			
2:25 – 3:05 PM Breakout Session Block 4	Deb Belyea <i>Muy Nulayg (Inner Knowledge): The Importance of Cultural Identity for the Torres Strait Islander Child</i>	Tammy Baart <i>Cultural Blind Spots: What you didn't consider...</i>	Josh Brown <i>Native Gardens and Yarning Circles - Your Greatest Educational Resources are in Your Own Backyard</i>	Paris Beasy & Destiny Paris <i>Investigate and Innovate: Indigenous STEM</i>
3:15 – 3:45 PM	Closing Panel Discussion - "All In" - Reconciliation in our Schools <i>Reconciliation Australia, Murri School, Reconciliation Queensland</i>			
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Closing & Farewell			

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