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2026



CISWA Annual Conference

Navigating the Future of International Education: Connection, Innovation and Student Success

Friday November 27th 2026

08:30 AM Registration
9:00 AM Start
4:00PM Close

CISWA Members $295
Non Members $395

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8:30-9:00AM	**Arrival and registration**
9:00-9:05AM	**Celia Cornwell,** President of CISWA
9:05-9:15AM	**Official Opening - Hon Dr Parwinder Kaur FTSE MLC**
9:15-9.30AM	**Phil Honeywood —** CEO, International Education Association of Australia Sector overview of the international education environment
9:30-10:30AM	**Keynote - International Education in the Era of the Digital Childhood** **Jonathan Chew** **Navitas Chief Insights Officer, IEAA incoming President** This presentation examines how technology has fundamentally transformed childhood over the past two decades, with a particular focus on the shift towards increasingly screen-based lives. Drawing on international data, academic research, and long-term trends, it documents how children's time, experiences, and social interactions have changed across different stages of development. The findings provide an evidence base for understanding one of the most significant generational shifts affecting education, families, and society - and what it might mean for the international education system as a whole.
10:30-11:00AM	**Morning Tea - Networking opportunity**

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11:00-12:00 NOON

Workshop - How does the digital childhood change the role of tertiary institutions, agents and partners?
Jonathan Chew
Navitas Chief Insights Officer, IEAA incoming President

This workshop provides an opportunity to explore how technology is changing childhood and the flow-on effects for the transition to tertiary education. Participants will examine key trends, challenge assumptions, and discuss how education systems, professionals, and communities should respond to the challenges and opportunities that arise as a result.

Facilitated group work and scenario-based participation.

12:00 -12:55

Lunch - Networking opportunity

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12:55–1.00PM

Celia Cornwell
Introduction to afternoon sessions

1.00–1:30PM

SCHOOLS' SECTOR
Beyond Borders: Building Global Citizens Through the Brazil Scholarship Partnership
Presenters: Nancy McNally, Chris Hatzis, Kristie Nicholson, Aby Imbrunisio and Brazilian student representatives.

Ganhando o Mundo (Winning the World): Building Global Citizens Through International School Partnerships
Alkimos College will share how hosting Brazilian scholarship students through the Ganhando o Mundo Program has enriched school culture, strengthened intercultural understanding, and fostered student leadership and global citizenship. Learn about the opportunities, challenges and broader benefits of welcoming international students into a public school setting.

1:30–2:15PM

PANEL SESSION
Creating the Future: Innovative Practices that Empower International Student Success
Panel Chair: Danielle Rock Kaplan Business School

Hear directly from the leaders behind three outstanding initiatives recognised through the 2025 CISWA Awards. This interactive panel will explore innovative approaches to student engagement, wellbeing, employability and community connection, with practical insights into what worked, lessons learned, and how successful programs can be adapted across institutions.

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2:15-2:30PM	**StudyPerth**
2:30-2:45PM	**Afternoon Tea- Short refreshment break**
2.45-3:30PM	**Human Skills for a Digital Future: Student and Graduate Voices on Connection, Belonging and Employability** **Panel Chair: Dr Linda Yang, Managing Director ICDI** Hear directly from current international students and recent graduates as they reflect on their journeys studying, living and building careers in Western Australia. This panel will explore the importance of connection, belonging, community engagement and employability in an increasingly digital world, offering valuable insights into what matters most to the next generation of international students.
3.30-3:55PM	**Table Discussions & plenary**
3.55-4:00PM	**Closing remarks - Celia Cornwell**
4.00-5:00PM	**Post Conference Drinks on the Deck**